The Common Purple Vervain

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The Twenty-sixth Edition, Revised,

OF AN

ESSAY,

On the NATURE and CURE

OF

SCROPHULOUS DISORDERS,

Commonly called the

KING'S EVIL;

DEDUCED FROM LONG

OBSERVATION and PRACTICE.

With ADDITIONS.

AND ABOVE

SIXTY CASES;

THE REMEDIES IN THEM USED,

AND

OCCASIONAL REMARKS.

To which is prefixed,

A COLOURED PLATE of the HERB VERVAIN, and its ROOT.

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Facts are stubborn Things.

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PREFACE.

A Method of treating Scrophulous Diſorders, or the King's Evil, having been found by me greatly ſucceſsful; I reſolved to continue to publiſh this new Edition of many Caſes I have had under my Care.

I do it to the End that Sufferers, ſo long as God may grant me Life and Health, may know to whom to apply for Relief, gratis; or, from the Caſes I publiſh, gather how to cure themſelves and Families, eſpecially the Poor; thereby ſteering clear of the many never failing Medicines, ſo pompouſly ſet forth in Advertiſements.

Thoſe Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery, who have Candour enough to own their Skill, has been often baffled in Scrophulous Caſes, may attend to the Succeſs my Methods have been bleſſed with; Thoſe, who are ſo very learned and ſelf-ſufficient as to think they know every Thing, may, if they pleaſe, laugh at me.

What I offer to the Public is the reſult not only of much Reading but what is more eſſential, of many Years Practice on ſeveral thouſand Subjects. Many quite cured; others greatly relieved; Limbs condemned to Amputation preſerved; and ſome turned out of

Hoſpitals as Incurables, cured; as well as others, given over by eminent Phyſicians and Surgeons.

I ſhall uſe the plaineſt Expreſſions poſſible, and point out the moſt ſimple and cheapeſt Remedies poor Perſons may procure. I neither mind, or ſhall attend to Criticiſms. I ſhall be contented, if by my Deſcription of the King's Evil, or Scrophulous Caſes, where there is no Complication of other Diſorders, any one may know them. I have found many very much diſlike being told their Caſe was the King's Evil or Scrophula. Indeed they are often humoured by many of the Medical Faculty, in this Diſpoſition, calling it only ſcorbutic. This I never do; but tenderly give my ſentiments without Reſerve, and always conceal Names if required.

All I have related is ſtrict Truth; nor can it be ſuppoſed, as I take no Money for my Advice, that I wiſh to impoſe on any one. Moreover, for a Confirmation of what I aſſert, I have mentioned many of the Perſons Names, who may be applied to.

To conclude; I would adviſe every one not to be diſheartened at the Simplicity of the Proceſs, or the ſlowneſs of the Cure; or mix any other Medicines or Preſcriptions with mine; for they may defeat the Methods I have laid down, and which have had the Succeſs I ſhall circumſtantially relate.

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AN ESSAY

On the NATURE and CURE OF SCROPHULOUS DISORDERS, OR THE KING'S EVIL.

THE King's Evil is a Name given to a very grievous and obſtinate Diſeaſe, ever ſince *Edward* the Confeſſor's Time; becauſe ſaid to be cured by him, and other ſucceeding Kings, both of *England* and *France*. Above ninety-two thouſand Perſons are recorded to have been touched for it by King *Charles* the Second only: with what Succeſs is variouſly related, diſputed, and believed. Thoſe who have Time may read Mr. *John Brown*, Surgeon to King *Charles* the Second, his Account of the King's Evil, and other Writers who treat of that Subject. This Diſeaſe is either hereditary or accidental. I have found, on a cloſe Examination of Perſons applying to me, not one in twenty without ſome Family Taint of it. The loweſt Degree of this Diſorder ſeems to be the Swelling of the upper Lip, without any apparent Cauſe; which I look upon as an infallible Sign of the Evil in the Habit of Body, though no other Appearances. Sometimes both Lips, the Noſe, and Cheeks inflame and ſwell; the lower Jaw-bones are often trou-

bled with Swellings on, and about them, and cauſed bad and rotten Teeth. Frequent Ulcers on the Gums; and many Swellings under the Ears, Jaws and Chin, and many Parts of the Neck, and Shoulders; ſometimes ſmooth, moveable, and not diſcoloured or painful; at other Times come to Sores, break and run much for a length of Time, are healed with great Difficulty, and often break out again, if the Habit of Body be not altered. The Eyes are very frequently ſcrophulous, looking inflamed, and of a dead, reddiſh, or leaden Colour; and ſometimes white Specks on or near the Pupil, or Sight. They are often forerunners of Cataracts, and total Blindneſs, if not timely prevented; they often diſcharge great Quantities of clear, ſaltiſh Water, of ſo corroſive a Nature that it takes the ſkin off the Cheeks. Often ſmall running Ulcers at inner Corners of the Eyes, which diſcharge a whitiſh thick Matter, which glues up the Eye-lids in the Morning, ſo that they are opened with Difficulty. When theſe Complaints withſtand the uſual Methods of Bleeding, Bliſtering behind the Ears, Cupping, Setons, and almoſt numberleſs etcæteras, for Months together, we may venture to pronounce them ſcrophulous. What ſome People fancy to be the St. Anthony's Fire is often a Species of this Diſorder; Swelling on the Knees and Elbows, without Redneſs or Inflammation, vulgarly called White Swellings, ſo that the Bones themſelves ſeem enlarged near the Joints, are to be accounted Scrophulous. When Sores or Ulcers have been long near the Joints or Bones, and will not heal with common Applications,

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it is a ſhrewd ſign the Bones are foul and carious: in that Caſe Pieces of Bone, ſharp, ragged, and ſeemingly worm-eaten, and little Pieces like coarſe Sand are ſeen on the Plaiſters among the Pus or Matter, when taken off. When the Griſtles or Cartilages on the Head of the Bones are conſumed, then follows a ſtiff Joint, by the Bones growing together. The Muſcles under the Hams, and the Inſide of the Elbows, I have often found to have been divided by the Knife, by unſkilful Hands, ſo that the Joint has been rendered uſeleſs. I have met with Swellings within the Throat, the Tonſils greatly tumefied and inflamed, threatening a Suffocation, nothing appeared outwardly. This Diſtemper may ſhew itſelf like a Leproſy, with a thick white Scurf on the Head and elſewhere. When the Diſorder falls on the Lungs, beware of a galloping Conſumption, as it is frequently called, and is too often fatal to young People, by not attending ſcrupulouſly to this Diſorder. After the Meaſles and Small Pox, weak Eyes and running Sores are not unuſual, which People ſeldom think proceed from the Evil, though it is too often the Caſe. A very dry thick cruſty Scab near the Elbows, and Joints, is ſometimes ſeen; which, when removed, is ſucceeded by others of the ſame Nature, which are difficult to cure, except the Conſtitution be mended. The Glands under Womens Arm-pits frequently ſwell or tumefy; and their Breaſts troubled with hard, unequal, painful Tumours or Swellings, which have been too often taken for Cancers, and the Knife ignorantly uſed to the irreparable Damage of the poor

Sufferer. Such Breaſts neglected, or wrongly treated, often degenerate into real Cancers, when every one knows the Caſe is deplorable. Should the Bones be foul the Caſe is bad, though not always to be deſpaired of: Sometimes the Marrow of the Bone is touched, or the Diſeaſe begins in the Bone itſelf; which may be obſerved when the Bones themſelves ſeem ſwelled about the Heads, and afterwards Sores break out and diſcharge a thin oily Matter, then it is truly a deplorable Caſe. How often is the Diſeaſe conveyed to tender Infants, by ſcrophulated Nurſes, who, till their hidden Infirmities are diſcovered, ſhall look like the Picture of Health? When Perſons in good Health, free from Exceſs of Humours, and who on looking back find their Parents have been ſound, ſhould nevertheleſs find Indications of the Evil in their Children, let them not be aſtoniſhed; for it is too common. If, upon a curious Enquiry amongſt the Relations of a Family, any of the aforeſaid Symptoms have been remembered, though a Generation or two diſtant, the Complaint may be ſuſpected to be the Evil. I have had ſome Patients applied to me, whoſe Anceſtors were touched by King *Charles* the Second, as I have met with in ſeveral Publications, printed about that Time, and their Deſcendants cured by me lately. How long this Diſorder may deſcend in Families is impoſſible to aſcertain. Unhappy Deſcendants! who would not endeavour Relief on the very firſt Appearances of ſuch a laſting Malady? It will lie dormant many Years; appearing and diſappearing in ſome Families for many Generations, and ſhew itſelf in various Forms, in all

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Ages, Sexes and Conditions, from the Birth to the Age of Eighty-five, as I have experienced. It ſhall happen, that one amongſt numerous Relations, or many Children of the ſame Parents, ſhall only ſhew it in one Inſtance and all the Reſt be free and clear. Slight Rheumatic Pains, about the Joints, are often Forerunners of this Diſorder, which at Length diſcovers itſelf by Tumours or Ulcers appearing on the aggrieved Parts. In ſhort, this Diſeaſe appears in ſo many Forms, that it would be almoſt endleſs to attempt an entire Deſcription. I think what has been ſaid ſufficient to inform Mankind what in ordinary Caſes is the ſimple King's Evil, not complicated. All theſe, and ſuch like Complaints are removed by much Time, Patience, and a ſteady Adherence to my Directions; even for Years in ſome Subjects. One conſtant Method I uſe to every Patient, without Diſtinction, let their Complaints be what they will, if, upon Examination, I have Reaſon to ſuſpect them to be ſcrophulous, is to recommend to them a Piece of freſh common purple Vervain Root, about three or four Inches long, and about the Size of the Patient's little Finger, if Men or Women; to young Children and Infants, as large as their Thumb, and ſo in Proportion, but not leſs; becauſe it ſhrinks much, and contains but little Virtue. Many Patients have been groſsly impoſed on, by the Sellers of theſe Roots, who quote my Name to deceive the ignorant Buyer, and I muſt repeat it, that if a Vervain Root is not that Bigneſs I recommend, People are greatly deceived, and have little or no Benefit at all from it. Let the

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Buyer take Heed. All the Fibres are to be cut off ſmooth, and as little of the Rhind as poſſible, to be worn always at the Pit of the Stomach, tied with a Yard of white Sattin Ribbon, half an Inch wide, round the Neck of Men and Women of an ordinary Stature: if taller an Ell will be wanting; and Children in Proportion. To the better Sort of Females, I propoſe the Ribbon to be faſtened through an Eyelet-hole or Loop in the Boſom of the Shift, and ſo worn, which will be no Eye-ſore. A Quarter of a Yard of Ribbon will be enough; but no other coloured Ribbon is proper: becauſe the Dye in ſome Colours may be prejudicial. The Root muſt never be whetted, not when freſh gathered, but wiped clean with a dry Cloth. It muſt not be ſown up, or covered with any Thing, but always worn naked at the Pit of the Stomach. If after wearing, the Ends of the Fibres ſtick out and hurt and prick the Stomach, they muſt be cut off with a ſharp Knife as at firſt. I always cut a little Notch round the upper End of the Root, and tye the Ribbon with a double faſt Knot, leſt it ſlip out and be loſt. When it has been worn a few Days, it will ſhrink, by the Heat of the Stomach: then the Ribbon muſt be tied faſter. A Buckle or Button on the Boſom of a Man's Shirt will be convenient, to keep the Root next the Skin, as well in Bed as up. Obſerve the Root be not decayed or rotten, but freſh and green when applied; and it is neceſſary to have a freſh one every Spring and Fall. If I put this Root about the Patient's Neck, I am not aſhamed to ſay, "Pray God give his "Bleſſing to theſe my Endeavours*, or ſome ſuch

* See Eccleſ. Chap. xxxviii. Ver. 14.

ſuch ſhort Ejaculations, not by way of Charm, or ſuch like Nonſenſe, but to remind the Patient of our Dependance on the Divine Help, co-operating with the natural Means he has provided for our Comfort and Relief: and ſurely there is good Reaſon to beg his Bleſſing on this, as on our daily Food. Here in ſome of my former Editions I was at ſome Pains in noticing how this Ceremony, if ſo it might be called, had and might cauſe Laughter. I will now only ſay, that the joyful Teſtimony of the cured through my Means is a much greater Heartfelt Satisfaction to me than the Deriſion of all others will ever give me Uneaſineſs. The experience I have had of the good Effects of the Vervain Root is enough for me: nevertheleſs, I will juſt mention that the great *Boyle*, in his Eſſays, has treated of the ſtrange Subtilty of Effluvia; how ſpecific Medicines are reconcileable to the Corpuſcular Philoſophy, and how advantageous ſimple Medicines are.

This Root being of ſuch general Uſe in all Stages of the Evil, it will be proper to give a plain Deſcription of the Herb Vervain, the Place and Manner of its Growth, that it may be eaſier found and known by the common People. The Common Vervain grows with a fibrous or ſtringy Root, of a light brown Colour, very hard, of a bitteriſh Taſte; ſends up Stalks, many half a Yard high, ſquattiſh, ſolid, ſomewhat rough of a purpliſh green, and branched; the Leaves ſtand upon the Stalks in Couples over againſt each other, hairy on both Sides, wrinkled, and jagged with deep Cuts, and wide towards the Stalk End, ſomething like Oak Leaves, when

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half grown, of a deeper green above than beneath. The Flowers are ranged in long Spikes, of a very pale purple, divided into five Parts at the Top, ſucceeded by four ſmall longiſh Seeds, joined together. The Flower is very ſmall, the two uppermoſt Segments appearing like a Creſt, and turned upwards. It grows very often in Highways, Court-yards, chaulky, gravelly, and ſtony uncultivated Places, and blows in July, Auguſt, September, and October. Some call it the Holy Herb; in Latin *Verbena*; in Welch *Cas gangythyrel.* All the Herb is very bitter and aſtringent. It is much celebrated for almoſt numberleſs Virtues, by antient Authors. By the Moderns hardly noticed; not being faſhionable in the preſent Practice. This Plant by a chymical Analyſis yields ſeveral acid Liquors; Abundance of Oil, pretty much volatile concrete Salt and Earth; it is therefore probable it contains ſome Sal Almoniac, united with a good deal of Sulphur. It is vulnery, cleanſing, and opening. The other Medicines and Applications, with their Preparations, ſuch as common People may manage, will be found in the following Caſes.

CASE I.

PHILIP WINTERFLOOD, late of *Halſtead*, in *Eſſex*, a Journeyman Barber, aged 35, formerly lived at the Sign of the *Peruke*, oppoſite the *White Horſe*, at *Mile End*, near *London*, who was a fat Man, was for eight Years miſerably afflicted with ſeveral ſtrumous Ulcers under both Breaſts; ſome were above an Inch deep, diſcharging much foul corrupted Matter,

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had done ſo for Years, could get no Help, and had the Evil hereditary in his Family many Years. This poor Man was in *Halſtead* Work-houſe, where his Diet and Attendance were not of the beſt. The firſt Thing I did was to give him the Vervain Root to wear about his Neck, and ordered him ſome gentle Phyſic once a Week, to wit, Syrup of Roſes one Ounce, Manna one Ounce, diſſolved in a Pint of ſkimmed Milk, for one Doſe, ſometimes he got it, ſometimes he did not. I gave him a Phial of Liquor to waſh his Sores, Night and Morning, of Vinegar one-third, Red Port Wine one-third, and Vervain Water, diſtilled, one-third: Some Ointment to ſpread on a Rag, and lay on the Sores after waſhing them. The Ointment was made with green Vervain Leaves, with about a fourth Part of Houſe-leek Leaves, both bruiſed and boiled in Pork Lard, till it was of a good Conſiſtence, and all the watery Part waſted, then ſtrained and kept for Uſe. It may be made ſtronger by boiling the ſame Quantity of Herbs in the ſame Liquor as before. Note; inſtead of diſtilled Vervain Water, which poor People cannot ſo eaſily procure, the Infuſion of the Vervain Leaves may be uſed; that is, hot boiling Water poured upon the Herb, like Tea, and covered; when cold, may be uſed in its Stead. This Method cured this Man in ſix Months, nothing elſe was uſed, and he continues well for aught I know to this day.

CASE II.

Robert Heatherly, Son of the Reverend Mr. *Heatherly*, late Miniſter of *Clavering*, in *Eſſex*, formerly

formerly Master of the School in *Christ-Hospital, London*, aged Twenty-three, was an Out-patient of St. *Bartholomew's Hospital* for the King's Evil, had the second Joint of his Thumb so affected that the Bone came out, and many other Sores healed up and seemed cured: Not long after the Disorder fell into both his Eyes, with some small unbroken Tumours in the Neck and under both Ears, and had been blind some Months. He came to me with his Eyes covered, has been well some Years, and is now in the Excise. I gave this Man a Root; ordered him a gentle Purge of half Manna and half Syrup of Roses, in thin Milk, once a Week for three Months; to leave off all Covering to his Eyes, and wash them often with cold Spring Water, dropping some into the Eyes, this restored him perfectly to his Sight.

CASE III.

Ann Nunn, Daughter of *John Nunn*, Farmer, near *Laindon-hills*, in *Essex*, aged Twenty-one, had a large scrophulous Tumour opened on the right under Jaw-bone, by Mr. *Earl*, of *Horndon*; it discharged mostly a thin watery Matter; but as he could not heal the Wound, she came to me, I gave her a Root, ordered some gentle Purges, but no Salts; for I always find them bad in scrophulous Cases, and gave her some Vervain Ointment for the Wound, which soon healed it up.

CASE IV.

Elizabeth Reynolds, Wife of *Joseph Reynolds*, of *Halstead*, Farmer, aged Twenty-five, came to me

me with her Lips much ſwelled; it had been coming three Years; the inſide of the Noſe and upper Lip, broke out and very Scabby, and a large uneven ſcrophulous Tumour had been encreaſing three quarters of a Year, under the right Ear, and ſeveral ſmall Swellings on the left Side of the Neck, I diſperſed all the Swellings, and cured her other Complaints in ſix Months; ſince which ſhe had no Returns. Firſt I gave her a Root, and purged her with gentle Phyſic. I alſo gave her ſome Vervain Ointment for the Lip and Noſe, and ordered her to take ſome green Hemlock Leaves, bruiſe and apply them warm once a Day to the large Tumour: in ſix Weeks the Tumour was greatly diminiſhed; but as the Hemlock worn conſtantly, ſomewhat affected the Head and Eyes, I ordered it to be applied only at Night, and to lay on till the Morning, which in two or three Months reduced the Swelling entirely, all the ſmall Tumours vaniſhed, and were quite cured. *Note*, if the Hemlock effect the Head, as it ſometimes will do, if applied near the Head and Neck; ſome gentle Phyſic muſt be often uſed, or the Quantity of Hemlock leſſened. If neither will do, leave it quite off.

CASE V.

William Ardly, Weaver of *Coggeſhall*, in *Eſſex*, aged Forty, had been much troubled with the Tooth and Ear-ach, afterwards a Sore broke withinſide the left Cheek, and diſcharged near a Pint of ſtinking Matter at ſeveral Times, then a large Tumour aroſe on the left Jawbone, and broke into three Ulcers outwardly,

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and discharged much Matter. The Sore within the Cheek healed up, when it was with Difficulty he could open his Mouth. I gave him a Root, and ordered him once a Week a Purge of Jalap, five or six Grains, more or less, as it operated; two Motions a Day sufficient: apply to the Sores without-side the Cheek, a Poultice of White Bread, Milk, white Lily Roots, and Groundsel, all mashed together, and laid on warm, Morning and Night; this sufficiently digested the Sore, then I healed it up with the following Black Plaister. Take white Lead finely powdered, two Ounces, Olive Oil, four Ounces, mix these in a large Earthen Pipkin; boil over a slow Fire, stir all the while with a Piece of Lead, till it grows of a deep brown or blackish Colour. This will take an Hour or more. Let the Pipkin be not above a quarter full; lest it boil over, which it is very apt to do. Let it cool in a Galley-pot, and keep it for Use. When you want it, warm the Point of a Knife, and spread it pretty thick on black Silk or Linen Rag, apply it warm, and it will stick, if not too much boiled. Do not pull off the Plaisters lest you hurt the Sore; when it falls off of itself, apply a fresh one as long as wanted.

CASE VI.

Deborah Alston, Wife of *Thomas Alston*, of *Heney*, in *Essex*, aged Twenty-four, came to me with a running Ulcer about the Middle of the Outside of her left Thigh, which had been healing and running for ten Years; a small Ulcer near the left Breast, and small Kernel, sometimes

ſometimes about the Neck and Throat, which ſhewed the Complaint to be ſcrophulous; ſhe had been twice ſalivated, and much done to little Purpoſe. I gave her a Root, ordered Roſe Leaves boiled in Whey for a gentle Purge once a Week, to waſh the Ulcers twice a Day with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock Leaves, and to apply a Rag ſpread with Elder Ointment over them. About two Months after, ſhe felt a Piece of Bone very looſe: I ordered her then to apply much Lint, wetted with the Infuſion Morning and Night, and the Elder Ointment as before. Three Weeks after, the Point of a Bone ſticking out, ſhe herſelf, with the Point of a Penknife, enlarged the Wound, took out a Piece of Bone, and examining the Wound with her Finger, took out two more Pieces, followed by much Blood: a Week after ſhe brought the three Pieces to me; the Wound looked clean, healed up in a Month's Time; ſhe has no Lameneſs, walks well, enjoys good Health, and feels no more Prickings, or Signs of any more Pieces of Bone. Two of the Exfoliations are each two Inches and a half long, and one Inch broad; the other two Inches long, three quarters of an Inch broad; weighing altogether a quarter of an Ounce. Some Parts looked black, and ſome white, and as if Worm-eaten. The Whole, when laid together, meaſured ſeven Inches. *Note*, Elder Ointment is made in the Spring, by boiling the young Leaves in Mutton Suet till the Moiſture is waſted, or in Pork Lard. To make it ſtrong, add the ſame Quantity of Leaves as before, after ſtrain-

ing the first Leaves from the Liquor, and repeat this three Times. In Winter, when no Leaves, take the tender Bark of the last Summer's Shoot, scrape and boil them as above, and keep them for Use.

CASE VII.

Robert Russ, aged twenty-three, Son of Mr. *James Russ*, Quarter-master of Sir *Robert Rich*'s Dragoons, was quartered at *Chelmsford*, in *Essex*: He was bit by a Monkey on the left Side of the Neck; it was sore, he had many scrophulous Swellings appeared under his Chin and round about his Neck, hard, and oftentimes very painful, and many small Pustules breaking out like a salt Humour in many Parts. I gave him the Vervain Root to wear about his Neck, and ordered him a gentle Purge of Jalap, in thin Milk once a Week; the other six Days to take a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, or levigated, mixed with the same Quantity of Loaf Sugar, beat fine, to wash it down with a quarter of a Pint of Ground-ivy Tea, to continue this Course six Months, and to use Vervain Ointment to the Sores. An Acquaintance of his, whom he recommended to my Care, assures me he told him he had the Happiness of being perfectly cured, by God's Assistance, and declares, no other Remedies he had ever used, had any Effect, but mine.—This was several Years after the Cure.

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CASE VIII.

John Butcher, of *Bocking*, in *Eſſex*, Bay-weaver, aged thirty. He firſt felt a daſhing Pain ſtrike ſuddenly into the lower Joint of the fore Finger of his right Hand; and in about a Month all the other Fingers and Thumb were affected in the ſame Manner; and ſo contracted that he could not ſtir them even with the other Hand, without great Pain. No diſcolouration, or any perceivable Tumour, Swelling, or preternatural Heat, to the Touch of himſelf or others. This Man I reſtored to the full Uſe of his Hand, Fingers, and Thumb, by the following Method: I gave him a Root; ordered a Purge of Roſe Leaves, boiled in Whey, once a Week; directed him to boil Cabbage Leaves bruiſed in Water; bathe his Hand in the warm Liquor, Morning and Night, for half an Hour at a Time, and to rub all the Joints, after bathing, with the Vervain Ointment. This Man had ſeveral Relations troubled with the Evil: I therefore treated him as a ſcrophulated Patient, and cured him in two Months. He was diſcharged from the *Eſſex* Militia, as unfit, but after the Cure admitted again.

CASE IX.

Robert London, Son of *Robert London*, of *Bradfield Combuſt*, in *Suffolk*, aged thirty-two, had a Fever which held about a Week. Three Months after, thirteen Tumours roſe about the Legs, Thighs, and Buttocks, had been all opened by a Surgeon, and diſcharged ſo violently,

that he was reduced to a mere Skeleton. He was brought to me in a Cart, with a Bed in it, being unable to move Hand or Foot, or to be moved without great Trouble. I went to the Cart, he looked like a dead Corpſe; his Stomach was gone, and his Viſage very ghaſtly. This Man's Sores were all tented, which I ordered to be pulled out, all the Dreſſings to be laid aſide; all the Sores to be gently ſyringed twice a Day, with a ſtrong Decoction of Hemlock, milk-warm, dry Lint to be applied, and leſt it ſhould ſtick, Elder Ointment ſpread on a Rag over all. I moreover ordered him daily half a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, with an equal Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and to waſh it down with Ground-ivy Tea. I alſo put a Root about his Neck. In three Weeks Time his Stomach returned; his Sores began to heal; and in two Months the Surgeon wrote he was quite well. This by many is called the Running Evil.

CASE X.

Suſan Ottley, of *Bocking*, in *Eſſex*, ſingle Woman, aged twenty-ſix, came to me with almoſt numberleſs Ulcers and fungous ſcabby Excreſcences from the Top of the right Shoulder, down below the Nipple of the right Breaſt, all hollow like a Honey-comb. She had a deep Ulcer on the inſide of the Arm, near the right Arm-pit, one near her Shoulder, one withinſide the Arm about three Inches above the Elbow, and one almoſt under the right Buttock, bad Stomach, bad Health and Complexion, had this Diſeaſe hereditary;

hereditary; had one Sister died of it; another had it in her Eyes, of which I cured her. This Person came and lived near me, so that I saw her once in eight or ten Days, and I effected the Cure in the following Manner: I first gave her a Root, and applied a Plaister of Spermaceti and Sallad Oil, to the Scabs on the Shoulder, Neck, and Breast, which made them fall off; afterwards I applied the Black Plaister, as in Case V. which being changed and renewed as Occasion required, at length healed up all the Sores. All the Time of her Cure, I gave her daily a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, mixed with half a Dram of Loaf Sugar, and to drink a Cup full of Ground-ivey Tea after it. If it gave more than two Stools in twenty-four Hours, I lessened the Dose, and sometimes increased it, as I found her Body in Order; I continued this Course many Months; all her Sores are now well, she has a good Stomach, a healthy florid Countenance, and so likely to continue. I advised to purge gently every Spring and Fall, with Jalap three or four Times. She has since married, and had one Child.

CASE XI.

Mary Bingham, Wife of *Adam Bingham*, Husbandman, of *Cressing*, lately living at *Patiswick*, in *Essex*, aged twenty-eight, was led to me, having been totally blind for twelve Months. Both Eyes looked as almost covered over with Cobwebs, of a dead leaden Colour, run much scalding Water, mixed with a white thick Matter from the Corners of her Eyes,

and almoſt continually daſhing Pains about her Forehead, with many ſcrophulous Breakings-out, about the Corners of her Mouth, and ſeveral other Places. I gave her a Root of Vervain to wear about her Neck, ordered her to purge once a Week, with dried damaſk Roſe-Leaves, boiled in Whey; gave her a Phial of diſtilled Vervain Water; to drop five or ſix Drops cold into each Eye, four or five Times a Day, and to waſh them every Morning with the coldeſt Spring Water. *Note*, the Vervain Water muſt be diſtilled in a cold Still, like Roſe Water. This Method, in a few Months, reſtored her Sight, ſo that ſhe could now ſee to ſpin, and do any common Work. Three Years after ſhe ſhewed me her right Breaſt, very hard and full of Pain; this I judged to proceed from the old Complaint, for Want of proper Care. I ordered her to poultice it with half white Nettle Leaves, and half Elder Leaves, warm, Morning and Night, which reſtored her Breaſt to be as well as the other. This Caſe ſhews this Diſorder is ſubject to return, without due Care and Caution.

CASE XII.

Eleanor Bulmore, kept the *Golden Lion*, in *Newmarket*, *Suffolk*, aged fifty-five, had a violent Raſh came out all over her, then fell into the left Leg, and produced a large, foul, deep, ſtinking Ulcer, almoſt all round the ſmall of her Leg, five or ſix Inches long; the Muſcles that ſerved to bend the great Toe and Foot upwards, bare and dry as a Horn, an Inch or more in Length,

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and grown about with much proud Fleſh. This Woman had not been able to ſtir off her Couch for a Year and a half, without great Difficulty, and two Stilts under her Arms. A great Phyſician told her, if ſhe went to an Hoſpital, the Ulcer might be healed in two Months, but in all Probability it would kill her. Living at *Newmarket*, ſeveral Phyſicians ſaw her after I took her in Hand. The Muſcle of her Leg is rotted out, ſo that ſhe cannot bend her Foot upwards, and muſt always go limping. She goes about her Houſe without Crutches, but now and then uſes an under-hand Staff, eſpecially up Steps. The Ulcer is now very clean, and not above the bigneſs of Half a Crown; the Woman is in good Health and Spirits, and able to manage her Houſe herſelf, having, ſince I firſt ſaw her, loſt her Huſband. I gave her a Root, judging the Caſe ſcrophulous, and ordered the Ulcer to be cleanſed twice a Day from its Filth with a Decoction of Hemlock, and then to apply the Herb bruiſed with Pork Lard and fine Oatmeal, warm as a Poultice, freſh twice a Day, as long as wanted, and at the ſame Time to uſe the following Diet Drink, to wit, take Senna four Ounces; of ſharp pointed Dock Root, half a Pound; great Water Dock Root, half a Pound; Polypody Roots, half a Pound; all ſliced very thin; crude Antimony groſly powdered, one Pound, and tied up in a Rag: boil all in three Gallons of Sweet-wort, till one Gallon is waſted, ſtrain it when cool enough; work it with a Spoonful of Yeaſt; and White Nettles, Green Broom, and Ground-Ivy, of

each bruiſed a Handful; let all work together; when done, ſtrain and bottle up cloſe for Uſe. Of this Liquor ſhe drank a Coffee-cup full Morning and Night, and was to encreaſe or leſſen the Doſe as it operated; two Motions in twenty-four Hours are ſufficient, ſhe found great Benefit by it. She was alſo to anoint her Leg round the Ulcer with Elder Ointment. As the Ulcer is now brought to a good Condition and ſmall Compaſs, I think it much better for her Health, at her Time of Life, that it continue open, rather than heal it quite up. *Note*, it is beſt in Summer Time to make but half the Quantity of Diet Drink at once, leſt it turn ſour and vomitive; it muſt be then thrown away, and freſh made. I cured her Son of the Evil in his Eyes at the ſame Time; and in the Manner as related in Caſe II.

CASE XIII.

John Nichols, Son of *Zachariah Nichols*, Miller, of *Little Aſhen*, near *Dunmow*, in *Eſſex*, aged ſeven, had a ſcrophulous Swelling on the great Toe of the left Foot; ſeveral ſmall running Ulcers on the ſame, which diſcharged a thin, corroſive, watery Humour, for half a Year, and the Evil a little in the left Eye. I gave this Child a ſmall Root; ordered Syrup of Roſes and Manna, equal Parts, in thin Milk once a Week, for a gentle Purge; to waſh his Eyes with the coldeſt Spring Water, every Day, and a Cataplaſm of a Garden Snail out of a Shell, beat to Maſh, with the ſame Quantity of Garden Parſley, applied to the Toe, freſh twice

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in twenty-four Hours; this perfectly cured the Diſorder in three Months.

CASE XIV.

Matthew Byford, Son of *Abel Byford*, of *Little Stamford*, in *Eſſex*, aged eighteen, had a large Tumour aroſe on the upper Part of his left Thigh, which had become an Ulcer, and run much thick Matter. An Inch above the Ulcer was a red inflammatory Swelling, which ſeemed to communicate with the Ulcer. I gave him a Root, and ordered to purge once a Week, with equal Parts of Manna and Syrup of Roſes, diſſolved in Cheeſe Whey, for two Months, and to inject a Decoction of Hemlock into the running Ulcer; then to apply a Poultice of half white Nettle Leaves, by ſome called Archangels, and half Elder Leaves, beat into a Maſh, with a little Pork Lard and fine Oatmeal, freſh and warm twice a Day, over both Ulcer and Tumour. In three Months a perfect Cure was made.

CASE XV.

Elizabeth Golden, Wife of *John Golden*, of *Water Beauchamp*, in *Eſſex*, Huſbandman, had a moſt violent hot ſalt Humour in her left Leg, which broke into almoſt numberleſs Water-Bladders; itched much, was greatly inflamed, and the Fleſh hardened; the Inſide of her Thigh on the ſame Side began to be affected in the like Manner. I adviſed her to drink half a Pint of Tea, made with the common red Dock Roots, ſliced thin, Morning and Night, or boiled

boiled in Cheeſe Whey; then to waſh her Leg and Thigh all over with an Infuſion of green Hemlock Leaves, and to anoint the ſame with Elder Ointment; in three Months ſhe came to me almoſt well, but complained of a Coldneſs at her Stomach, for which I ordered a gentle Purge of Jalap, with a little grated Ginger once a Week. About two Months after ſhe came to thank me, being quite free of her Complaints. *Note*, No Root preſcribed, as I thought it more ſcorbutic than ſcrophulous.

CASE XVI.

Edward Howlet, of *Burnham, Eſſex*, Huſbandman, aged thirty, had a Tumour that appeared and diſappeared at Times near the right Jugular, for a Year; afterwards it ſwelled as large as a Halfpenny-Loaf, then was poulticed by a Surgeon's Direction, but it did neither ſuppurate or diſperſe, but was opened; ſome Part cut away, and diſcharged a little thick bloody Matter. It had been cut eleven Times, as faſt as the Fungous kept growing, and diſcharged much of the ſame Sort of Matter. When he came to me the Fungous was large and flat, with thick Edges like a Cake laid on the Part, the Edges were ulcerated, it was three Inches in Diameter, and one Inch thick, the Man well in every other Reſpect: As I apprehended this to be a ſcrophulous Caſe, I gave him a Root to wear at his Stomach, ordered to purge gently twice a Week with Damaſk Roſe Leaves boiled in Cheeſe Whey, to apply Slips of black Plaiſter as in Caſe V. to the Ulcers round the Edge

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of the Fungous, and over all the Hemlock Leaves bruiſed and very hot twice a Day. He was in a Month much mended; in three Months the Fungous was almoſt waſted; and ſome Months after he came to ſhew me he was quite well, not the leaſt Remains of the Fungous or any Ulcer, but the Neck ſmooth and even, and no Complaint whatever.

CASE XVII.

Elizabeth Hart, Daughter of *Thomas Hart*, of *Earls Colne*, *Eſſex*, Huſbandman, aged twenty, had a Swelling on the Wind-pipe, which compreſt it ſo much as to cauſe a great Difficulty in ſwallowing, her Throat very ſore withinſide, had been increaſing two Years, her Lips often cracked and bled. I gave her a Root, directed to purge gently often, with Syrup of Roſes and Manna in Cheeſe Whey, or thin Milk, and to apply a Poultice of a Garden Snail and Parſly bruiſed, freſh Morning and Evening; this produced many ſmall Pimples, which diſcharged ſome little watery Matter, then diſappeared, and others in like Manner ſucceeded, until all the Humour was diſcharged, and the Swelling quite gone. I moreover ordered her to bruiſe eight or ten Millepedes or Sow-bugs, make them into a Pill with freſh Butter, and going to Reſt to let it lay at the Root of her Tongue, ſo as to melt gradually, till the Soreneſs withinſide the Throat was no more. Theſe Methods in three Months removed all her Complaints.

CASE XVIII.

Joſeph Traylin, of *Toppesfield*, in *Eſſex*, Cooper, aged forty, had ſeveral Tumours and Ulcers on the Back of his right Hand, which rendered it uſeleſs, and ſome ſmall Swellings about his Groin and Arm-pits: has the Evil ſtrong in the Family; found no Help from the Surgeon, ſo came to me; I gave him a Root, and ordered to purge weekly, for ſix Weeks, with Damaſk Roſe Leaves boiled in Whey, ſweetened with Manna, and to apply a Poultice of white Nettle Leaves beat to a Maſh, with a little Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal freſh and warm twice a Day to the Back of the Hand; in a Week he found great Benefit, and in a Fortnight more, the Swellings on the Hand were all down and well; he came about two Months after, his Hand quite firm and well, and all his other Complaints gone.

CASE XIX.

Mary Tyler, Wife of *William Tyler*, of *Halſtead*, Huſbandman, aged thirty-ſix, had the Evil breaking out all over her at Times, for many Years. When ſhe came to me, had both Lips monſtrouſly ſwelled, and her Mouth ſo very ſore, that it was painful for her to get her Victuals into it, her Noſe ſwelled, and all the lower Part of her Face and Chin almoſt one entire Scab, with many ſcrophulous Breakings-out of the ſame Kind on both Legs and Arms, which were all very much inflamed. I gave her a

her a Root, and ordered gentle Jalap Purges twice a Week; and for conſtant Drink a Handful of Ground-ivy Leaves, and about an Ounce of common red Dock Roots, ſliced thin, and boiled in two Quarts of Water, covered, till a Pint is boiled away, ſtrained and kept for Drink the next Day; and ſo conſtantly, except ſhe purged; the Mouth to be waſhed twice a Day with an Infuſion of green Hemlock Leaves, and all the Scabs on the Face, Legs and Arms, or other Places likewiſe; but to be careful ſhe ſwallowed none, or touched her Eyes; then to anoint with the Elder Ointment. As ſhe lived near me, I ſaw her frequently, and ſometimes found it proper to add half Hemlock Ointment to the other, that is made by boiling the green Leaves of Hemlock, bruiſed in Hog's Lard, and ſtrained; if it wants to be ſtronger, boil the ſame Quantity of Hemlock Leaves in the ſame Liquor two or three Times. She is now well, and her Face clean and ſmooth, and no ſcrophulous Symptoms. *Note*, All Ointments ſhould be boiled in earthen Pots; for Metal is corroſive.

CASE XX.

The next Caſe I ſhall give as drawn up by the Patient himſelf.

I, *John Hickman*, Gardener to the Right Honourable Lady *Bateman*, at *Yeldam*, in *Eſſex*, aged fifty Years; ſome Months ſince, having a violent rheumatic Pain ſtruck into my right Arm and Hand, with great Weakneſs, my Hand grew very thick, and my Fingers ſtood

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out ſtiff and immoveable, and quite uſeleſs, that I could not lift my Hand to my Head, nor take up an Ounce Weight off the Table with it; the Fleſh pitted much, without Heat or Diſcolouration. I had a ſmall Ulcer on the Wriſt, near my Hand. I was adviſed, and had a Letter of Recommendation to the moſt eminent Surgeons in *London*, to whom I applied without any Succeſs. After I came home I was adviſed to apply to Mr. *Morley*; and three Weeks after I had been with him, I could ſtir my Fingers, and in ten Weeks Time the Swelling of my Hand was wholly gone, the Ulcer is entirely healed, and now by the Bleſſing of God, I can uſe my Hand, and do my Work as uſual, and was never in a better State of Health in my Life; as Witneſs my Hand,

February, 1766. JOHN HICKMAN.

This Perſon was cured by the following Method. I gave him a large Vervain Root to wear at his Stomach, and directed him to purge once a Week with ten Grains of Jalap, and as much Cream of Tartar, and leſſen the Quantity if more than three or four Motions. I directed him to boil half a Pound of Salt Petre in a Quart of Spring Water to a Pint, and to apply Cloths three or four Times double, wetted in the Liquor pretty warm, three Times in twenty-four Hours, a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. To wrap up the Hand in warm Flannel, and alſo to have a Flannel Sleeve tight on the Arm; gave him ſome Vervain Ointment on the Ulcer, and afterwards a Piece of Black Plaiſter, which made it ſound and well.

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CASE XXI.

A young Gentleman in *London*, aged twenty-ſix, falling down on both Knees, cauſed a white lymphatic Swelling on his right Knee, notwithſtanding the following Means had been uſed, as he himſelf told me, without Effect. Firſt, the Knee was treated as a common Bruiſe, and rubbed with Oils; afterwards poulticed with white Bread and Milk and Lees of Beer, near a Month; then fomented with an Infuſion of Camomile; next a Bliſter, run but little; then Leeches applied twice, ſix at a Time; was at *Bath*, afterwards at *Southampton*, went through the uſual Methods at both Places; after all nothing touched the Swelling. He had alſo a moſt ſcrophulous Tumour, red and inflamed, on the Point of the Breaſt Bone. I gave this Gentleman a Vervain Root, ordered ſome gentle Phyſic once a Week, and to foment the Knee with a Decoction of green Hemlock Leaves Morning and Night, for Half an Hour at a Time, warm, and afterwards to apply the Herb bruiſed, all over the Knee, and to lace it on with a Knee-piece. Some Months after, he wrote to me as follows; 'I am ſure all the 'Pleaſure I enjoy is totally to be attributed to 'your Kindneſs, for had I not been ſo happy 'as to have been under your Direction, moſt 'likely I ſhould not have gained the Uſe of my 'Limbs ſo ſoon.' In another Letter he ſays, 'I am ſurpriſingly recovered in regard to my 'Knee.'

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CASE XXII.

A little Girl in *London*, four Years old, had a ſcrophulous Ulcer on each Arm: both had been dried up by the Uſe of the Bark, by Order of one of the principal Phyſicians in *London*. Soon after broke out deep Ulcers in the Calf of each Leg; thoſe were cured by ſome gentle Phyſic and a Vervain Root at her Stomach. Some Time after, neglecting to wear the Root as directed, the Humour fell into both her Eyes, which was ſoon removed by a freſh Vervain Root. I have had very frequent Inſtances of People leaving off or loſing their Roots, thinking them very inſignificant, the Diſeaſe has returned; but by Application of freſh Roots, their Complaints have again diſappeared: In ſome People this has been the Caſe three or four Times. Theſe are certainly convincing Proofs of the great Efficacy of the Vervain Root, in ſcrophulous Complaints.

CASE XXIII.

A Lady, in *Norfolk*, about twenty-five, had a large ſcrophulous Tumour near the left Ancle, and prickling daſhing Pains in her Joints. When I firſt ſaw her, ſhe bathed daily in ſalt Water; which had ſo ſwelled and inflamed her Leg, ſhe could hardly ſtand. I begged her to leave off bathing, which ſhe did; in forty-eight Hours ſhe found Eaſe; and in ſome Months after, I had a Letter from her that her Complaints were by my Directions entirely removed. I cured this Lady by anointing the Tumour with the following Ointment, Pomatum one Ounce,

Flour

Flour of Brimſtone one Dram, Salt Prunella half an Ounce; this ſoon cooled the Inflammation. I gave her a Root, and ordered a gentle Phyſic. This Caſe ſhews the bad Effects of Salt Water Bathing, in ſcrophulous Diſorders.

CASE XXIV.

A young Lady in *Norfolk*, aged twelve, had a ſmooth flattiſh Tumour about the Bigneſs of Half a Crown, gathering above the Nipple of the left Breaſt: She had been under the Care of a judicious Phyſician, without any apparent Advantage. I gave her a Vervain Root, and ordered a Pint of Milk to be boiled and ſweetened with a Table Spoonful of clarified Honey, and taken in four Parts; in the Morning faſting, at Eleven, and Four, and one at Bed Time; taking thirty or forty Millipedes with the firſt and laſt Draughts. This diſſolved the Tumour without any Return.

Names in this, and the three preceding Caſes, as deſired, are omitted.

This Eſſay, by its Bulk, would become too coſtly for common People, ſhould I have Leave to give an Account of all thoſe whoſe Cures teſtify the Succeſs of my Method. However, as what will cure the Poor, whoſe Welfare I have much at Heart, will alſo the Rich, the Caſes I give of the Poor may briefly ſerve for the Rich. Unhappy I am when applied to in the laſt Stage of the Evil and Scrophulous Diſorder, after repeated and unſucceſsful Trials by others: yet even then I have ſaved both Life and Limbs. I ſhall mention two Caſes more,

to ſhew the good Effects of Hemlock in ſcrophulous Caſes.

CASE XXV.

Peter Raven, of *Earles Coln*, *Eſſex*, Labourer, aged forty, was in the Workhouſe, when he applied to me, and gave me the following Account: 'Eight years ſince ſeveral daſhing Pains 'ſtruck into his right Breaſt, which in an Hour's 'Time ſwelled as big as his Fiſt, without any 'Strain or Hurt that he remembers; it was 'poulticed for nine Weeks without any Effect. 'The Sinews of the right Arm contracted, the 'Swelling on the Breaſt kept increaſing for 'ſeven Years, and was bigger than his Head; 'at length broke of itſelf, and diſcharged a 'Quart or two of white thick Matter; and 'Numbers of other Ulcers appeared all over 'the Breaſt, which kept running near a Year.' When he came to me he was ſeemingly in a deep Conſumption, with a very bad Cough, emaciated to a great Degree; to all Appearance in a dying Way, and ſmelt moſt filthily: I think never was a more deplorable object. I ordered him to take a Dram of green Hemlock Leaves freſh every Day, bruiſe and boil in a Pint and a Half of Cheeſe Whey, ſtrain, take one Half faſting, the other at Night going to Reſt, waſhing all the Sores firſt with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock, and then to apply Elder Ointment on a Cloth all over his Breaſt; he came in a Fortnight's Time, his Cough gone, Stomach good, Colour returning, and ſlept well; a Month after I added half Hemlock

Ointment

Ointment to the Elder Ointment, and in ſome Months completed the Cure. He is now out of the Workhouſe, and maintains himſelf by his Labour; is married, and has a Child ſince his Cure; no other Method was uſed. *Note*, he had no Vervain Root. This Cure muſt be attributed to the Hemlock only.

CASE XXVI.

John Newton, of *Halſtead*, *Eſſex*, Weaver, aged thirty-eight, a little before he came to me, had a Humour broke out on the lower Part of the Shin of his left Leg, with many ſmall Pimples with white Heads, afterwards ran clear Water and broke out into a large deep Ulcer, ſo that the Bone was viſible, with much fungous Fleſh at the Bottom, the Leg and Foot ſwelled, pitted much, ſo very lame he could not come to my Houſe, a Mile only, except on Horſe-back. I ordered him gentle Jalap Purgatives, thrice a Week at firſt, then twice, then once, as he mended; and directed him to take a large Handful of Green Hemlock Leaves bruiſed, put into an empty Firkin, and pour a Gallon or two of Water from a Smith's Forge, ſcalding hot on them: then to put his Foot and Leg into it, as deep as the Veſſel would admit; not when ſcalding; and to keep it in the Liquor Morning and Night a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. Then to take a freſh gathered Carrot, waſh and raſp it; ſqueeze the Juice hard out with the Fingers, warm the Raſpings and fill the Ulcer with it, quite down to the Bottom, and a little above the Surface of the Ulcer and

Leg, with a dry Cloth over it, bind all on with a Roller: and repeat this Dreſſing and no other after ſoaking. This perfectly cured his Leg in ten Weeks, and filled the Ulcer with ſound and good Fleſh, and quite ſmooth. *Note*, no Vervain Root was uſed here.

CASE XXVII.

Aaron Whiſkey, of *Polſtead*, *Suſſex*, Shoe-Maker, aged thirty-four, applied to me in *June*, 1769. After a Fever, a Sore gathered near the Point of his Back-bone. By poulticing it broke and diſcharged for a conſiderable Time, a thin gleety Matter, from a very ſmall Orifice. A large Swelling came on the left Thigh, was very hard, and gave great Pain. As it was thought he had been troubled with the St. Anthony's Fire, it was conjectured it had ſettled there. He was greatly emaciated. I recommended a Vervain Root; and to purge gently with Tincture of Jalap made in Geneva, once a Week, and to drink of the following Decoction the other Days. Of red ſharp-pointed Dock Root, ſliced thin, one Ounce; Sorrel Leaves, bruiſed, thirty or forty: Pour on theſe a Pint of Cheeſe Whey boiling hot; cover cloſe; When cool, ſtrain it, and drink it Milk warm, at three different Times; one third faſting, another about Eleven o'Clock, and the Remainder about Five in the Afternoon. I ordered a large Handful of green Hemlock Leaves, bruiſed, to be applied on the Thigh; and the Wound on the Back to have the Hemlock Infuſion injected. Afterwards, equal Parts of Hemlock and Elder Ointment,

Ointment, made with Gooſe Fat, ſpread on Lint, to be laid over the Wound, and dreſſed Morning and Night. The 10th of *October* following he came again to me; his Thigh was greatly ſwelled, and there ſeemed to be a Head, as if tending to break. I adviſed applying a Plaiſter of Shoe-Maker's Wax to it. On the Eighth of the next Month, the Sore on the Thigh broke, and diſcharged at one Time, five Quarts of thin watery Matter like Whey, and the Thigh ſubſided to its former Size. It continued diſcharging by little and little for a conſiderable Time, but leſs and leſs daily. The 3d of *July*, 1770, he came to my Houſe, and told me many ſmall Pieces of Bone came from the Sore on the Back Bone; but that it was then ſound and well, and his Thigh in a fair Way of Recovery. The 6th of *Auguſt*, 1771, he again came to thank me; and clapping his Hand upon his Thigh in great Spirits, cried out, 'as ſound as a Roach!' He came to me in the Spring, 1774, and has been found hearty and well ever ſince.

CASE XXVIII.

A worthy Lady ſent me the Caſe of a Poor Woman, which I ſhall give nearly in her own Words, 'The poor Creature is now about fifty. 'Eight Years ago ſhe lay in; at the End of the 'Month was ſeized with a violent Pain in her 'right Leg, juſt below the Calf. A ſmall 'Pimple aroſe, which increaſed till it came to 'a real Sore. Many Things were tried to no 'Purpoſe for ſeveral Years. She was eight

'Months in an Hoſpital, and diſcharged as in-
'curable. She now has two large Holes,
'about half an Inch deep; the Bottom looks
'whitiſh with black Spots, and full of ſmall
'Holes: the Sides are of a very dark red or
'rather blackiſh. At Times they are extremely
'painful, and bleed frequently. The upper
'part of her Leg is very black indeed, and ex-
'tremely ſwelled. She has for ſome Time
'paſt applied nothing but a greaſy Rag to
'her Wounds. She is miſerably poor indeed;
'having nothing for her livelihood but what ſhe
'can get by picking up decayed Wood blown
'down on *Enfield Chace*. If ſhe can be
'helped, it would be a great Bleſſing.' So far the Lady's Letter.

I referred her to follow what is laid down in *John Newton*'s Caſe, No. XXVI. in my Eſſay; only adding that the poor Creature ſhould ſteep her Leg in warm Infuſion of Hemlock for half an Hour, and to keep it warm after ſteeping, leſt ſhe ſhould take Cold: the more Reſt ſhe could take the better. In leſs than four Months the Lady called on me, and informed me this poor Woman was quite recovered, and in a good State of Health.

CASE XXIX.

Michael Naſh, a Shepherd, living with Mr. *Guilford*, at *Halton*, near *Wendover*, *Bucks*, aged twenty-five, being recommended to me by the Honourable *Lady Rachael Auſten*, of *North-Audley-Street*, *London*, the 10th of *January*, 1771, came to my Houſe for Advice. He had

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nine or ten Sores on his Legs and Thighs, and many ſcabby Eruptions on his Face and Neck. Theſe began about ſix Years before, and were by Degrees come to what they were. He had an Iſſue in his left Leg, which was greatly inflamed: His appetite was tolerably good. To this poor Man I gave a Vervain Root to wear on his Stomach, and ordered him Tincture of Jalap in Geneva, one Table Spoonful once a Week, in Cheeſe Whey or ſmall Ale; to waſh his Wounds with the Infuſion of Hemlock warm, Morning and Night, and then to apply the Black Plaiſter, as in Caſe V. to his Sores. *Lady Auſten*, in a Letter to her Friend, dated the 23d of *Auguſt*, 1771, wrote that the abovementioned poor Man, whom ſhe had recommended to me was perfectly recovered, and adds, 'I think it a Miracle, for he was almoſt eat up (if one may ſay ſo) with the Evil.' This poor Shepherd ſent me a letter in the next Month *September*, teſtifying his Gratitude and Thanks; and according to his own Words, 'that he was right well.'

I muſt here mention, that I have received Thanks from many, for Cures that have been effected without my Advice in Perſon; only the Peruſal of my Eſſay, and a ſteady regular Obſervation of the Rules as related in the preceding Caſes. Amongſt many other Letters, I ſhall, as a Proof, add Copies, of what were wrote to me by a Perſon whom I never ſaw, giving it it in his own Words. I ſhall number it.

CASE XXX.

SIR,

I HAVE taken this Opportunity of writing to you in Behalf of your Medicines for the Evil. Whereas I *John Buck*, late of *Hingham*, in *Norfolk*, aged thirty Years, now living at *Wymondham*, in the ſame County, was for twelve Years paſt violently afflicted with the King's Evil in my right Knee, and ſo bad that I could not ſtir without the Help of Crutches, and having been with the moſt eminent Surgeons in the County of *Norfolk*, but all to little Purpoſe, for they always counted it a White Swelling, and were clearly for taking off the Limb, for they told me there was no Help for me. But Thanks be to God!—for with his Bleſſing and with the Uſe of your Medicines, I am now right well, and can walk well, and can follow my Buſineſs, and do my Work without any Pain or Sorrow, and am in as good State of Health as ever I was in my Life. Sir, if it be agreeable to you, I ſhould like that it might be added into the Book, as it was accounted as ſurprizing a Cure as ever was performed. I only go a little limping, but it is as little as poſſible; as Witneſs my Hand.

Dec. 24, 1769, *John Buck*, *Worſted-weaver*.

Some Time after receiving this Letter, I wrote to *John Buck*, to know which of the Medicines he had uſed; in what Manner, and in what Time the Cure was effected; the Surgeons, who had ſeen the Complint, ſaid it was incurable;

incurable; and were for taking off the Limb: As I have never ſeen nor heard of *John Buck* before the Receipt of this Letter, I deſired a Gentleman near *Wymondham*, to enquire of the Truth of the Facts. He ſaw the Man, who gave him full Satisfaction as to his Caſe and Cure, agreeing with the following Letter from *Buck* in Anſwer to my Enquiries.

Sir, my Duty to you, I *John Buck*, Worſted Weaver, of *Wymondham*, in *Norfolk*, aged thirty Years, was for twelve Years afflicted with the Evil in my right Knee, which for the firſt four Years, would ſwell to a large Subſtance, and diſperſe again of its ownſelf; then having a violent Fever of nine Weeks, which ſo contracted the Joint and waſted my Leg and Thigh, that I was unable to walk without great Pain. I was adviſed to apply to Surgeon *Swift*, of *Norfolk*, and accordingly did, who told me it was a White Swelling, and it was incurable, and that the leſs I did to it the better. About one Year after I was adviſed to go to Dr. *Heald*, of *Norwich*, who told me the ſame as Dr. *Swift*. Two Years after comes a Travelling Doctor to *Norwich*, who went by the name of Dr. *Vernice*. He having ſuch Praiſe, I was recommended to him. He told me it was a White Swelling, and in two Months he could make a perfect Cure of me. I put myſelf under his Directions, but all to little Purpoſe. About a Year after I was ſeized with ſuch a violent Pain on the Inſide of my Knee, that it cauſed my Leg, Thigh, and Foot, to ſwell in ſuch a Manner,

ner, that I was unable to move, or to be moved without great Pain, and without the Help of Crutches, and could take no Reſt Night nor Day, which reduced me to a mere Skeleton. It continued this Courſe for a Year and a Half; then broke into a running Ulcer on the Inſide of my Knee. Then I applied to Dr. *Caſtleton*, of *Hingham*, whoſe Care I was under three Weeks. Then he declared he could do no more for me, for the Bones were entirely decayed, and my Limb muſt be taken off; or it would coſt me my Life. But, by the Bleſſing of God, I was in a ſhort Time reſtored again to my former Strength, by the Help of Mr. *Morley*'s Book, to whom I return my hearty Thanks for the ſame. I walk well, and never was in a better State of Health in my Life. Given from under my Hand this 3d Day of *June*, 1770. JOHN BUCK.

The Cure was effected in the following Manner:—Firſt I put the Vervain Root about my Neck. For a gentle Purge I took ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar, once a Week: and the other ſix Days, a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, mixed with the ſame Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and waſhed it down with a Cup of Ground-ivy Tea. For the Sore I made a ſtrong Infuſion of green Hemlock to waſh it with twice a Day: then bathed my Knee all over with Vervain Ointment: then I applied dry Lint, and leſt it ſhould ſtick, a Plaiſter of Elder Ointment over it. In two Months I found great Benefit; and in eight Months the Sore was healed. I have had no Return, now three Years ago.

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I ſhould be ſorry if the Teſtimony of the Gentleman who enquired at *Wymondham*, added to the Man's own Letters, were not ſufficient to authenticate the Caſe, and the Method of Cure. Be that as it may, I muſt here remark, that haſty Amputations are too often practiſed to the irreparable Loſs of the Patient, his Family, and the Community; eſpecially if a poor Perſon. The Rich have the Means to adviſe with thoſe who profeſſedly undertake to cure their Diſorders. I do not wiſh to take from any Man his Emoluments; but I repeat, that I am particularly anxious for the Poor. Should the Knife or the conſtant Uſe of Cauſtics, make Cripples, I pretend not to ſet them to rights.

CASE XXXI.

The Right Honourable the Counteſs of *Marchmont*, out of her great Regard to the Welfare of the Poor, has been pleaſed to inform me of a very great Cure done in *Scotland*, from the Receipts only in my Eſſay on Scrophulous Diſorders. A middle aged Man, by Name *James Smart*, had in *Auguſt* laſt a Sore on his Cheek, which run greatly, and his Face was dreadfully ſwelled, the Sore was quite through the Cheek, had been long ill of that Complaint. He had a Vervain Root to wear at his Stomach, was ordered to take the Diet Drink preſcribed in Mrs. *Bullmer*'s Caſe, Page 23, and the gentle Phyſic of Syrup of Roſes, and Manna, in Page 14, and to dreſs the Sore with Vervain Ointment, as in *Winterflood*'s Caſe. In about a Month he was much better, ſeveral Bones

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came out, and the Swellings were much fallen, he continued theſe Methods till *March* following, then the Sore was quite healed, and himſelf in perfect Health. Her Ladyſhip, in her Letter of *Dec.* 4, 1774, ſays, "*James Smart* "came to *Marchmont-houſe*, in good Health, "and continued perfectly well, with hardly "the Remains of a Scar." The Cure was done only by the Peruſal of my Eſſay, as in *John Buck*'s Caſe.

I have had Caſes and Recommendations from almoſt an hundred Phyſicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries; ſome for their own Children, when their own Endeavours have proved abortive; ſome, to get rid of the Importunities of poor Patients, who could pay nothing; ſome to ſee my Methods; and ſome they ſent to me to ſecure their own Credit, leſt they ſhould miſcarry under their Hands.

CASE XXXII.

Miſs *Frances Kingdon*, Daughter of Mr. *Edward Kingdon*, Stay-Maker, in *Duke's Court*, *Covent Garden*, *London*, was recommended to me by *Lady Gray*, of *Charles-Street*, *Groſvenor-Square*, had about nine Years before ſhe came to me, a Tumour broke by a Poultice on the left Knee, and kept diſcharging three Years before it healed. Then a Tumour on the right Elbow broke and diſcharged ſome ſmall Pieces of Bones, from thence the Humour was tranſlated to the left Shin Bone, went on Crutches, then to St. *Bartholomew*'s Hoſpital, where a large Piece of the main Bone was digeſted out, but

but could not be healed up. Then by a Pinch on the left Elbow, that was greatly enlarged and opened, but could make nothing of it, ſo ſhe left the Hoſpital, with an Addition of a ſmall Tumour under the left Ear, the Shin Bone of the left Leg enlarging, and a univerſal ſcropho-lous Conſtitution. They ſaid the Leg muſt be taken off, for it could not be cured; ſhe was thirteen Years of Age, was near me with her Mother two Months, then went home with full Directions to continue my Methods, which ſhe did ſeveral Years with great Perſeverance, had many more Sores broke, and foul Bones exfoliated, and has at length been well ſome Years. As I have her Conſent to publiſh this Cure, I would recommend any Perſon doubtful of it, to herſelf, and Father and Mother, for full Satisfaction from themſelves—I gave Miſs a large Vervain Root to wear as directed in my Eſſay on the Evil, and adviſed Mrs. *Bulmer*'s Diet Drink as therein, to waſh the Sores clean with an Infuſion of green Hemlock Leaves, then to apply a Cataplaſm of white Nettles, maſhed with Pork Lard, freſh and warm twice a Day, to the Elbow, and to the healing Sores, dry Lint, and Vervain Ointment on a Cloth over all, and to apply Tincture of Myrrh, on a Sponge, where any Suſpicion of foul Bones, and the Black Plaiſter afterwards occaſionally. Thus ſhe was cured.

In the Preface I have hinted, that I never mentioned Names if ſo deſired; and I muſt here add on this Head, I am ſo ſcrupulouſly delicate not even to aſk after a Perſon of their Neigh-

Neighbour, leſt it might raiſe a Suſpicion of my having been conſulted: So that the Knowledge of the Succeſs of my Methods muſt be much leſſened. I will not call it a Diſadvantage, becauſe it would ſeem as if I ſought after great Fame; but this I will ſay, that ſeeing Patients hardly more than once or twice, becauſe of their Diſtance from me, makes me not on a level with the medical and ſurgical Gentlemen, who frequently ſee their Patients, ſo as to alter any Method of Cure, if neceſſary, which I cannot do for the above Reaſon.

I do not pretend to cure every one who may apply to me; that would be abſurd indeed: But this I am bold to aſſert, that I have been ſo fortunate as to cure ſome ſcrophulated Breaſts deemed to be cancerous, and on the Point of being cut off. Likewiſe ſome Perſons given over by regular Practitioners, of which take the following:

CASE XXXIII.

Mrs. *Brown*, Wife of Mr. *Brown*, lately at the *Cock*, in *Clare*, *Suffolk*, now lives at *Chilton-Street*, near *Clare*, brought me the following Letter:

SIR,

MRS. *Brown*, the Bearer hereof, hath for ſome Months laboured under a Diſeaſe in her Breaſt, which the Surgeons term a Schirrous. Various Applications have been tried and many Medicines taken, which have only ſerved to alleviate her Complaints, without laying a Foundation for healing. This Diſeaſe has

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ſo near an Affinity with the Evil, that I do not think but it really may be called ſuch. I wiſh you may be ſo fortunate as to direct ſomewhat that may be ſerviceable; and am, Sir,

Auguſt 23, 1761. RICHARD HAWES,
Surgeon, in *Cavendiſh*, *Suffolk*.

Mrs. *Brown* was a fat luſty Woman, aged twenty-ſeven. About a Year before the above Date, a large Tumour aroſe in her right Breaſt, and gathered in nine different places, opened, dreſſed, and tented by the Surgeon, and diſcharged much: but that being thought inſufficient to leſſen the Breaſt, two Setons were made quite through the Breaſt, which were very large, cloſe to the Ribs, in the Form of a Croſs, and as the Silk rotted away, through the Virulence of the Matter, in eight or ten Days, more Silk was put in. Four Surgeons met to take off the Breaſt; and told her if it was not taken off, ſhe could not live till *Michaelmas* following; as her Breaſt would rot off in a Week or two, if not cut off. This was the State of the Breaſt when I undertook it. The 30th of *November* following, I ſaw Mrs. *Brown*; all the Ulcers were healed; and the Breaſt firm, and herſelf in good Health and Spirits, without any Complaints whatever. *February* the 27th, 1762, ſhe was with me again, and ſhewed me her right Breaſt, ſound and firm, but told me that about three Weeks before, on taking Cold, ſhe felt a daſhing Pain in her left Breaſt, which ſhe ſhewed me; there was a ſmooth ſoft Tumour riſing on the upper Part, about the Nipple,

Nipple, which had increaſed faſt. I ordered her proper Remedies for this new Complaint. *April* the 4th, her Huſband came to tell me the Tumour was broke and diſcharged in ſeveral Places round the Nipple. I ordered what was proper, and *September* the 6th following, her Huſband came again; told me her Breaſt had been quite well for two Months; was in good Health and Spirits; no Complaint at all; and that the Day before he came, ſhe was delivered of a fine girl, both very well. I ſaw her ſome Days after, examined her right Breaſt, which had loſt the Nipple, all continued firm and well; and alſo her left Breaſt; but ſhe had no Milk in it, and no Complaint whatever. Mrs. *Brown* had Twins in a Year after, and has had ſeveral other Children: Both Breaſts continue well and firm, and the laſt Lying-in ſhe had Milk came into her left Breaſt, which is very extraordinary. It is eaſy to obſerve from this Caſe, that taking off Mrs. *Brown*'s right Breaſt would have availed nothing, inaſmuch as the left Breaſt came diſordered in the ſame Manner; ſo that Amputations are of little Service, exept the Conſtitution be amended; then there is ſeldom Occaſion for the Knife. I do not mention the Method I uſed in Mrs. *Brown*'s Caſe, becauſe they are beyond common Management. Mrs. *Brown* had had twenty-two Children, Twins the laſt Time; and I hear, is with Child again, (this *September*, 1775) and continues well to this Day. I inſert the two following Caſes to ſhew that no Age is exempt from this dreadful Diſorder.

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CASE XXXIV.

Samuel Pain, Son of *Samuel Pain*, Weaver, in *Clare*, aforeſaid, was brought to me at three Weeks old, he was born with a large Ulcer on the back of his left Hand, and judged to be the King's Evil by Mr. *Young*, a Surgeon of that Place, who recommended him to my Care. This Infant was cured with a Root; ſome Vervain Water to cleanſe the Sore, and Vervain Ointment on a Rag to the Part. The Father ſent me a Letter of Thanks for making, as he expreſſes it, a ſafe Cure of his Child's Hand. It is evident from this Caſe, that very ſimple, gentle Methods are often very efficacious in the Infancy of this Diſeaſe.

CASE XXXV.

The next Caſe is of *George Hoggerhall*, aged Eighty-eight. He was formerly an under Gardener to Eſquire *Honywood*, in *Eſſex*. He was a remarkable freſh-coloured healthy-looking Man; and ſo heathful all his Life, as never to take one Doſe of Phyſic. In the Eighty-ſixth Year of his Age, the Sight of both Eyes left him at once; ſince which, he had ſeveral ſmall ſcrophulous Tumours broke on each Side his Neck, diſcharged much, and ſeemed to be well digeſted. His Wife came with him; they had been married Fifty Years, and confirmed the Account of his Health. I gave him my Aſſiſtance, and ordered him to call on me when he could. Who could ever have thought that the King's Evil ſhould lie ſo long dormant in the Conſtitution of ſo healthy a Perſon, without the

leaſt Symptoms until the Age of Eighty-ſeven Years, and then appear in its genuine Form? From theſe two Inſtances it is very apparent, that no Age is exempt from its Inveteracy.

This will more fully appear by the following Account of two thouſand ſcrophulous Patients, who have applied to me; claſſed according to their reſpective Ages and Sexes. I have now near five thouſand Caſes by me, of Perſons who have applied to me in Scorbutic, Scrophulous and Cancerous Caſes during more than twenty Years Practice, but I thought the following Numbers ſufficient to illuſtrate this Eſſay.

	Males.	Females.	In all.
Under 5 Years old	77	89	166
From 5 Years to 10 Years	108	117	225
From 10 Years to 20 Years	212	309	521
From 20 Years to 30 Years	166	285	451
From 30 Years to 40 Years	96	200	296
From 40 Years to 50 Years	60	143	203
From 50 Years to 60 Years	37	63	100
From 60 Years to 70 Years	17	13	30
From 70 Years to 80 Years	3	5	8
From 80 Years and upwards	1	0	1
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From this Account, the Females exceeded the Males more than three to two. Hence it may be concluded, theſe Perſons are greatly miſtaken, who in their Writings have advanced, that Perſons above forty Years old are rarely, if ever afflicted with the Scrophula, as alſo the too common Opinion of Children outgrowing the

the Diſorder. Both theſe Notions tend to make People neglect proper Care until the Diſeaſe has taken too faſt a Hold to be overcome.

CASE XXXVI.

John Truſs, Taylor, at No. 3, *Bunhill-Row*, *London*, aged thirty-ſeven, had a violent univerſal Scorbutic Scrophula, with a Tumour under the left Jaw-bone, one near the Right Ear, a Swelling under the left Arm-pit, with many Leproſy-like Eruptions, as large as Half-crowns, in many Parts. I gave him a Vervain Root, and adviſed him to take ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar once a Week, for gentle Purgation, and the other ſix Days a Dram of Crude Antimony, levigated, mixed with the ſame Quantity of powdered Loaf Sugar, and waſh it down with Ground-Ivy Tea; I ordered him to waſh all the Eruptions with Infuſion of Hemlock, and the Black Plaiſter under the Jaw-bone, Ear, and ſuch like Places. *October* 12, 1772, he ſent me a Letter of Thanks, that he was by my Advice, and the Bleſſing of God, perfectly recovered from all the Diſorders he had when he called on me.

CASE XXXVII.

Eſther Maxham, of *Foxearth*, *Eſſex*, aged twenty-ſeven; four Months ſince, ſome ſcrophulous Ulcers withinſide the Right Hand, near the Roots of the two ſmaller Fingers, and ſeveral near the Joints on the Backs of the ſame Fingers; the Sinews in the Palm of the Hand, hard and contracted, the Corners of her Mouth

ſcabby. She had a Vervain Root, took gentle Phyſic to keep her Body open. The Hand was poulticed with white Nettles, Mallows, Gooſe Fat, and fine Oatmeal, was quite well in two Months, and has no other ſcrophulous Complaint about her.

CASE XXXVIII.

Joſeph Trowls, of *Birch*, in *Eſſex*, Labourer, aged Twenty-four, ſix Months ſince, a Pain ſtruck into the left Foot and Ancle, were both greatly enlarged, and pitted much with ſome undigeſted Ulcers, and ſome had thrown off ſmall Pieces of foul Bones from both Foot and Heel. The Leg was to have been cut off. I ordered the Vervain Root to be worn. He purged gently once a Week, with Tincture of Jalap, and bathed and ſteeped all the Foot and Ancle with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock, then applied ſtiff Elder Ointment on Lint, to all the Sores, and dreſt all twice in the Day. In a Month he found Benefit, and in a Year and a Half a perfect Cure, is now hearty, and ſtrong for Labour, with his Leg on.

CASE XXXIX.

The Caſe of *Mary Sutton*, aged Twenty-eight, living with Mr. Ranſon, at *North Walſham*, in *Norfolk*; as ſent me by Mr. *Layman*, an eminent Surgeon there, *Auguſt* 20, 1767, by *Mary Sutton*, the Bearer, who, when about eight Years old, had an Abſceſs on the left Side, near the lower Ribs, which was healed with great Difficulty. Three or four Years after this,

this, Swellings appeared on the right Side of the Neck, and under the Jaw; ſome of which ſuppurated, and as one healed others broke out; ſo that there has been a conſtant Diſcharge from one or other of theſe Abſceſſes. Though there are no other evident Marks of a Scrophula, yet there is the greateſt Reaſon to believe this to be ſo; as by her own Account both Mother and Grandmother were afflicted with the ſame Diſeaſe, the former in a very ſevere Manner. She had now a Tumour under her Chin, wanted digeſting, ſeemingly healthy otherwiſe. I gave her a Vervain Root, adviſed an Ounce of red Dock Roots ſliced thin, a Pint of Cheeſe Whey poured boiling hot over it, cover up cloſe, when cool, ſtrain, and drink one half faſting, the other at Night, daily, to keep the Body in good Order; a Piece of Gum Plaiſter, freſh once in three or four Days, to the Tumour under the Chin. She ſoon got well. Mr. *Ranſon* called on me, *May* the 4th, 1772, told me ſhe had had no Complaint for Years, was married, and had a Child or two, and all in perfect Health, and no Complaint whatever.

CASE XL.

A Gentlewoman in *London*, aged Fifty-four, had a violent ſcrophulous Diſorder in both Eyes, much inflamed, run clear Water, ſo corroſive as to fret the Skin off the Cheeks, with terrible ſmartings, and great Pain in her Forehead; kept in a dark Room, not being able to bear any Light; had been often diſordered in the ſame Manner, but not ſo bad;

had much Advice in *London*, without any Benefit. Then was ſent to *Brighthelmſtone*, to bathe, and drink Salt-water, ſhe returned in a Month much worſe, ſhe had the Scrophula in her Family. I gave her a Vervain Root, and ſome Vervain Eye-Water to drop a few Drops, often in the Day, into each Eye, and adviſed a gentle Purgative, but no Salts of any Kind. In three or four Months ſhe got very well, and has been ſo many Years.

CASE XLI.

Elizabeth Turvey, of *Wortham*, *Suffolk*, aged eight Years. Six Weeks after a Fever, many ſcrophulous Ulcers broke out, on and about the left Foot. I gave her a Root, ordered ſtewed Prunes and Senna, for gentle Phyſic, and all the Ulcers to be covered with a thick Poultice of white Nettles, Pork Lard, and Oatmeal, freſh and warm, Morning and Night.

Wortham, *July* 29, 1772.

THESE are to inform you that my Daughter, *Elizabeth Turvey*, mended within ſix Hours after ſhe was with you, and ſhe is now perfectly cured by what you was pleaſed to order for her. Am extremely obliged to you, for the Trouble you took to cure her.

From your humble Servant,

ELIZABETH TURVEY.

To Mr. Morley, *Theſe*.

CASE XLII.

James Scott, of *Deepdale*, *Suffolk*, aged Thirty-ſix, had a Tumour and Ulcers, and Swellings

Swellings on the left Side of the Face, with a Difficulty of opening his Mouth, been increasing four Months, I found no other Complaint. I recommended the Vervain Root, Tincture of Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, and to apply a Poultice of half Mallow Leaves, and half Elder Leaves, Pork Lard, and a little Oatmeal, fresh and warm, all over that Side of his Face, and Jaws, Morning and Night. Six Weeks after he came to thank me, being quite well.

CASE XLIII.

John Everet, of *Weeting*, near *Brand*, in *Norfolk*, Linen Weaver, aged Twenty-eight, Two Years since a Pain on the right Side the Small of the Back, and became a very large Swelling, opened by a Surgeon, and discharged much stringy thickish Matter for eight Months, the Ulcer was very foul, so came to me. I advised the Vervain Root, and Jalap Purges once or twice a Week, and to cleanse the Wound with Hemlock Infusion and strong Elder Ointment over all, to dress Morning and Night.

April 5, 1773.

SIR,

I write to let you know, that I am got finely well of my Complaints, Thanks be to God, and you! It has been healed up about three Months, I followed your Directions very strictly. I conclude with returning you Thanks.

Your humble Servant,

JOHN EVERET.

CASE XLIV.

Spooner Ruſſel, Son of *Robert Ruſſel*, of *Burnham Deepdale*, in *Norfolk*, Butcher, aged three Years and a Half, had a violent ſcorbutic Scrophula. His Head and Body all over Scabs, run much clear Water, ſeeming in good Health otherwiſe. The Surgeon ſaid, he would eat his Hat, if the Child was cured. In about three Months he was quite well, by the following Method; firſt, I recommended the Vervain Root, then to take a Quarter of a Pint of medicated Whey, daily, at three or four ſmall cupfuls, viz. A Quarter of an Ounce of Red Dock Roots, ſliced thin, about a dozen Leaves of Garden Sorrel, lightly bruiſed, and pour a large Quarter of a Pint of Cheeſe Whey, boiling, on them, cover up cloſe, when cool to be ſtrained, and drank warm as above. The Quantity of Dock Roots to be encreaſed or diminiſhed, as it operated, two Motions in twenty-four Hours are proper. I adviſed Sorrel and Groundſel Leaves, equal Parts, to make an Ointment for his Head, and Vervain Ointment to the other Parts. *Note*, the inſide Leaf of a Gooſe dried up, makes the beſt Ointment in theſe Caſes.

CASE XLV.

Abel Ren, of *Marden*, *Kent*, aged Twenty-eight, had the Evil about his Head and Face, from his Birth, was ſeventeen Weeks in the *London Infirmary*, had fourteen ſmall Pieces of Bone diſcharged from his Mouth and Noſe, and ſeemed well for a little Time; but the Humour ſoon returned again for ſeven Years paſt; he came

came to me the 23d of *October*, 1772, with three Ulcers on his Forehand, and complained of his Head, much disordered, Mouth and Nose breaking out. I recommended a Vervain Root, a gentle Purge of Tincture of Jalap, made with Geneva, taken once a Week, in Cheese Whey, or warm Ale, and to wash all the Wounds with a strong Infusion of Hemlock, Morning and Night, and Elder Ointment over all; he was with me *May* the 24th, 1773, all well, but one Sore on his Forehead: on which he had received an unlucky Blow. *September* the 9th, 1773, a Gentleman from his Parts, says, he has been very well of that, and all other Complaints, for some Months.

CASE XLVI.

John Wilson, of *Feversham*, in *Kent*, Breeches Maker, aged Twenty-eight, came to me for Advice, *May* the 5th, 1770. Two Years and Half before he had many scrophulous Tumours, and Ulcers, round the Neck, and under the Chin, some were taken out by Caustick, by an *Italian* Mountebank, on *Tower-hill*, at two Guineas per Week; then an eminent Surgeon ordered Salt Water inward and outward, to no Effect. He had now six running Ulcers, two or three very deep, about the Neck and Throat. I advised the Vervain Root, and gentle Jalap Purges, once a Week, the other six Days, an Ounce of common Red Dock Roots, sliced thin, twenty or thirty Leaves of Sorrel, bruised, put into a Pot, and a Pint of Cheese Whey, boiling hot, poured on them, covered up close, and when cool, strained,

ſtrained, and drank at four Times in the Day, with thirty or forty Millepedes, bruiſed, and drank, in the firſt and laſt Doſes, Morning and Night. To cleanſe all the Sores with the Hemlock Infuſion, then apply a Poultice of Half White Nettles and half Elder Leaves, Pork Lard, and Oatmeal, freſh and warm, Morning and Night, over all, till well. *Auguſt* the 3d, 1770, he came to thank me, being quite well.

CASE XLVII.

James Reyner, of *Henſted*, *Suffolk*, aged Thirty three, a Carpenter; four Years before I ſaw him, his right Hand and Wriſt were greatly ſwelled, the Palm very hard, and all the Fingers ſtiff and uſeleſs, two Years after, eighteen ſcrophulous Ulcers, not deep, broke out in thoſe Parts, and run a very thin watery Ichor, and ſometimes bloody, but no good Matter; Body rather coſtive. I gave him a Root, and ordered Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, in ſmall Ale or Cheeſe Whey. The other ſix Days, a Dram of Antimony, very finely levigated, in a little Honey, and Ground-ivy Tea after it. To ſteep the Hand and Wriſt, a Quarter of an Hour, in a ſtrong Hemlock Infuſion, Morning and Night, then to anoint all over with Vervain Ointment, and cover all with a Poultice of half-green Elder Bark, and half white Nettles, maſhed and warm, got very well in about four Months.

CASE XLVIII.

Mary Tills, of *Stoke*, by *Naylend*, *Suffolk*, ſingle Woman, aged Twenty-eight, had a large foul

foul Ulcer, juſt above the Ancle of the right Leg, the Breadth of a Crown Piece, and very deep, with ſeveral ſmall Knots about it, had been ailing nine Years. Had a large Vervain Root, took Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, put ſcraped Carrot very fine, dry and warm, into the Sore, and applied a Poultice of half Groundſel, half Mallows, Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal, freſh and warm, Morning and Night. In a Week ſhe found much Eaſe, and the Knots about the Ulcer grew ſofter, and in four Months a perfect Cure.

CASE XLIX.

A violent Scurvy; a Gentlewoman aged Fifty-five, a Humour all over her, particularly Spring and Fall, with a bad Scurf, like Scabs, from Head to Foot, and itched much, had been ſo above thirty Years; when ſhe changed her Linen, it would almoſt ſtand alone. Recommended Mrs. *Bulmer*'s Diet Drink, Morning and Night, and a Wine Glaſs of Millepedes Wine, at Eleven and Four o'Clock. Hemlock Infuſion, with Mutton Suet diſſolved in it, to waſh the ſcabby Places, and a few Drops of Vinegar to help the Itching. Elder Ointment where neceſſary. Sorrel and Raiſins for Drought, and a Vervain Root to the Stomach, when the Scabs were off. Got very well.

CASE L.

Mary Norman, aged ſix Months, almoſt as ſoon as born, an inveterate Scorbutic Humour appeared all over the Head and Body, with innumerable

numerable ſcabby Eruptions; and a moſt deplorable Object. I ordered her Dock-Roots and Sorrel Whey, a proper Quantity to give two or three Motions in the Day, and an Ointment made with equal Parts of the ſame, and Gooſe Fat to anoint all the Scabs, and as they fell off, to waſh with Lime Water, a Pound to a Gallon; and then the Ointment again, as often as any Scabs ſhould appear. The Child was brought to me in a few Weeks quite clear, briſk, and well. I gave no Vervain Root, as I thought the Caſe an inveterate Scurvy, without the Scrophula.

CASE LI.

Sarah Rawling, aged Thirty-two, about eight Months ſince, a Pain ſtruck at once into the left Knee, an Inflammation up the Thigh, was opened by a Surgeon, and diſcharged only a bloody Sanies. She had a Seton on the Knee, and many deep Sinuſſes, the Thigh very hollow. She had a Swelling near the Small of the ſame Leg, which broke of itſelf, and diſcharged bad coloured and bloody Matter, her Menſes not regular. I recommended a Root, Tincture of Jalap, in Geneva, twice a Week, and to take out all the Tents, and ſyringe the Wounds full, with Infuſion of Hemlock; and a Piece of Gention Root, to keep the Orifices of the Wounds open, then Elder Ointment over all. The Egg Liquor, under the Ham, to all the ſhrunk Sinews: dreſs all twice a Day. Her Father *Jonathan Rawling*, of *Lidgate*, in *Suffolk*, Wheelwright, wrote as follows;

Mr.

Mr. Morley,

MY Duty to you, and to let you know, that with your Advice and the Bleſſing of Almighty God, my Daughter *Sarah Rawling*, who had eight Wounds in her Leg, Thigh, and Knee, has been ſound and well theſe four Months. Bleſs God and you for it, ſhe was bedrid a Quarter of a Year, the Doctor ſaid he could do no more for her. She got on Stilts, and ſoon gathered Strength in her Leg and Knee, is now well, and gone to Service.

CASE LII.

Is the remarkable Caſe of *William Cramphorn*, Son of *George Cramphorn*, of *Dunmow*, in *Eſſex*, aged Eighteen, recommended by Mr. *Rayner*, Surgeon and Apothecary there. Had a very bad ſcorbutic Scrophula on both Hands, his Face and Back, went off with a thick Scurf, itched much, and very hot, and a foul Ulcer withinſide the right Ancle, and a poor State of Health. I gave him a Vervain Root, and bid him pour a Pint of Cheeſe Whey boiling, on an Ounce of Water Dock Root, ſliced thin, and a few Leaves of Scurvy-Graſs; cover up cloſe, when cool, ſtrain and drink that Quantity daily. To dreſs the Ulcer with Hemlock Leaves, maſhed with Flour of Brimſtone twice a Day. To make an Ointment of Elder, and Hemlock Leaves, equal Parts, with Hog's Lard; and uſe often to the Eruptions, and ſometimes a little Tincture of Jalap. I ſaw him in a Month much better. Some Months after I received a Letter

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from Mr. *Tindall* of *Dunmow*, that the Man had not a Sore about him, but by his long Confinement was ſo exceeding weak, and low, as not able to ſit up but a few Hours in the Day; his Diſtemper ſeeming to be now entirely in his Body, which is extremely hard and full of Knots, nothing has paſſed through him for ten Days paſt, the Jalap you ordered him does not move him; he fetches his Breath with Difficulty, his Water nothing but Corruption; has entirely loſt his Appetite, can keep few Things on his Stomach. As his Caſe is different from what it was, when he waited on you, it may require a different Treatment.—Thus far the Letter. I then ordered half an Ounce of pure fine Quick-ſilver, every Morning till it paſſed, and then to leave it off, and to drink Mallow Tea, with a few freſh green Elder Leaves, enough to purge gently, two or three Times in the Day, and to eat good Mutton and Beef Broth, with a few Sorrel and white Nettle Leaves, a little Oatmeal boiled in it, for conſtant Food; this was *March* the 19th, 1770, I ſaw him *September* the 4th following, his Sores all healed well, Stomach tolerable, but complained of a Hardneſs in the Region of the Spleen, though I could perceive none, his Water now a Brick duſt Sediment, which was moſtly Corruption before, his Legs ſometimes broke out, with many ſmall pimply Eruptions, and diſcharged a little bloody Sanies, kept breaking and healing alternately, for ſome Time; I adviſed him to bathe them in ſtrong Cabbage Broth,

Broth, gentle Jalap Purges once a Week, and a Cataplaſm of Groundſel, maſhed and quilted in Linen, to the Spleen, and renewed once in four or five Days, juſt warm. *June* 27, 1771, I ſaw him; he had no Sores or any Complaint whatever, but rather weak from his long Illneſs; ſince which he has grown perfectly ſtrong and hearty. This Caſe evidently ſhews the Propriety of my ſeeing Patients more than once or twice, in difficult and obſtinate Complaints; particularly as Symptoms vary, or the Diſeaſe takes a different Turn, by a Tranſlation of the morbid Matter to other Parts.

CASE LIII.

A Man, aged thirty-five, had *Auguſt*, 1771, two ſcrophulous Ulcers on the Outſide of the right Thigh, a Foot Diſtance, and in each a leaden Tube, to carry off a conſtant Diſcharge, and two more Abſceſſes broke afterwards, and all communicated with each other. Had been under four of the principal Surgeons, of the greateſt Character in *London*, which I forbear to name, not willing to give Offence to any one. His Thigh had been laid open above twelve Inches in Length, the principal Surgeon ſaid he was a bold Man that did it. Theſe attempted a Cure without Succeſs. I recommended a large Vervain Root, twenty Grains of crude Antimony finely levigated, twice a Day, to be waſhed down with Sarſaparilla Tea. To waſh and ſyringe the Wounds with ſtrong Hemlock Infuſion, and lay aſide the Tubes, to anoint the contracted Sinews with Egg Liquor Morning and Evening,

Evening, and a Plaiſter of Elder Ointment over all. *January* 1772, he wrote me, he was much better, could walk a Mile or two without a Stick, which he had not done for two Years before. In *April*, 1773, he wrote me, he was very finely, and the Wounds quite healed. *James Hodge*, Shoemaker in St. *Peter*'s *Mancroft*, *Norwich*, can teſtify the Truth of this Cure.

CASE LIV.

George Lingwood, Son of *George Lingwood*, of *Hacheſton*, in *Suffolk*, Farmer, aged twenty-four, had a ſcrophulous Sore on the Outſide the left Thigh, diſcharged clear Water, from many ſmall Places like Pinholes, and ſeemed hollow, had been opened four Times by a Surgeon, healed, and held well a Year, then broke out again, and very lame, was nine Weeks in St. *George*'s Hoſpital without any Benefit, was with me. I gave him a Vervain Root, ordered Tincture of Jalap for gentle Purgation, to inject the Wounds with Hemlock Infuſion, and to apply a Poultice of equal Parts of Hemlock Leaves and young Elder Bark, a little Pork Lard and fine Oatmeal, freſh and warm, and to dreſs all Morning and Night. Three Months after I had a Letter of Thanks, for his being got quite well of his Lameneſs, and no Complaint. This I term a Honeycomb Scrophula.

CASE LV.

Thomas Bays, at Mr. *Moor*'s, St. *John*'s *Lane*, *Cambridge*, aged nineteen, a ſcrophulous Diſorder

order above and below the right Knee, a large Piece of the Skin taken off by the Surgeons on the Inſide of the Knee, which is now healed up. The Probe was paſſed almoſt through the Joint; now *July* 15, 1771, a Gathering below the Inſide of the Knee, and a great Lameneſs, and many ſcrophulous Breakings-out about him. I recommended a Vervain Root, and Mrs. *Bulmer's* Diet Drink, and to poultice the Knee with half Mallow Leaves, and half Groundſel; and the Inſide of a Fig, where it pointed to break. This ſoon broke and digeſted the Sore; then it was healed up with Elder Ointment made of Gooſe Fat. The Surgeons talked of Amputation. *December* following, his Letter ſays he was four Months before he got right well of his Lameneſs, and now can walk and run as well as ever.

CASE LVI.

Alice Clarke, of *Great Wigborough, Eſſex*, aged twenty, two Months ſince a Pain ſtruck into the right Hand and Wriſt, the Back and Palm of her Hand much ſwelled and very hard, as alſo the Wriſt; was opened in five Places by a Surgeon, who propoſed taking off the Arm. The Leg and the Ancle were much in the ſame Situation, with ſome ſmall Ulcers, *July* 15, 1771, ſhe came to me. I adviſed the Vervain Root, ſome gentle Purges of Tincture of Jalap, and to ſteep the diſeaſed Parts in ſtrong Cabbage Broth, half an Hour Morning and Night, very warm. Then to cover all the Wounds with white Nettles, maſhed well with Pork Lard,

and warmed. The 20th of *September* following, ſhe came to me much mended. I ordered her then to anoint the Wriſt and Thumb with Oil of Sheeps Trotters, and bathe well in by the Fire, and to waſh the drying ſcabby Sores with Hemlock Infuſion. *November* 25, a Neighbour told me the Hand and Wriſt were quite well, and Leg and Ancle juſt well alſo.

CASE LVII.

William Seller, of *Friday Thorp*, near *Malton*, *Yorkſhire*, aged about forty, a Shepherd by Buſineſs, his Brother, Mr. *Robert Sharp*, came with him to me in *June*, 1771. His left Elbow Joint had many large Ulcers about it, and the Bones ſeemingly greatly enlarged, the lower Arm and Hand much ſwelled, the Elbow Joint ſtiff and immoveable, carried in a Sling and uſeleſs, bad Stomach, and little Reſt. I adviſed Vervain Root and Jalap, &c. all the Wounds to be dreſſed with the Juice of bruiſed Hemlock Leaves, and covered over with Cabbage Leaves, Morning and Night. The Ulcers ſoon diſcharged amazingly, the Swelling of the Hand and Arm ſoon abated, in a few Weeks he could ſtir his Fingers: he took daily one Dram of Antimony finely levigated, in Syrup of Elder, many Weeks (except he purged with the Jalap); I ſaw him once a Week, till *October* following, then he went home greatly mended. I adviſed him to continue the Hemlock Juice, and Cabbage Leaves, and Antimony, and add a Poultice of half Mallow Leaves, and half freſh green Elder Bark, maſhed with a little

a little Pork Lard, to a ſmall Tumour, in the Bend of the Elbow, when no Herbs in Winter, then to cover the Wounds with the Black Plaiſter. *November* the 8th, 1772, he returned me many Thanks by Letter, and ſays, his Wounds are almoſt healed, only a little ſtiffneſs on the Elbow Joint, his Appetite reſtored, and ſlept on Nights as well as uſual. *June* 13, 1773, *Robert Sharp*, his Brother, wrote; he was ſurpriſed to ſee his Arm ſo well recovered, and only one very ſmall Ulcer, and at this Time almoſt as able to do his Buſineſs as formerly.—"Sir, the Surgeons in our Country, whoever "ſaw it, were all in one Mind, that there was "no Cure without Amputation," &c.

In *July*, 1775, *Robert Sharp* writes me, his Brother, *William Seller*, at this Time is quite ſound, and hath been this half Year, and is as healthful, at this preſent, as he ever was in his Life. The Ulcers are all healed up, and he is capable of doing any Kind of Buſineſs, whatever comes to his Hand. And he hath cured ſeveral People of that Complaint ſince he left *Eſſex*. Bluſh! ye Surgeons, Bluſh!

CASE LVIII.

May, 1771, I was ſent for to give my Advice, to *Margaret Banyard*, Wife of *John Banyard*, Shoemaker, of *Wickham Market*, in *Suffolk*, aged Fifty-one. She had then a very bad ulcerated Cancer, in the Middle of her right Breaſt, almoſt deep enough to contain an Hen's Egg, and ſome ſcrophulous Complaints in other Parts; ſhe at firſt found ſome Relief from my

Directions, afterwards relapſed, and died in *Auguſt* 1773. When I firſt ſaw her, and examined her State of Health, ſhe told me as follows, viz. her Maiden Name was *Cutting*. At four Years old, ſhe had a Swelling under her Tongne, on the Salival Glands. which the Surgeon that attended her pronounced cancerous; he ordered the Tumour to be ſyringed every three Hours, to deſtroy the Cancer (as he called it) with a Liquor ſo corroſive, that the Slaver from her Mouth eat Holes in her Linen where it fell; till at length the Strings of her Tongue were eaten in ſunder, and the Tongue ſeparated from its Roots, and was ſpit out in two Pieces, and left not the leaſt viſible Remainder, but a great Hollowneſs whence it came. Her Mother ſtanding by her at the Time, cried out, "Now my poor Child can "never ſpeak more." The Child immediately replied, "Yes, Mamma, I can ſpeak," has had the Uſe of Speech ever ſince ſo well, few People would remark it. I obſerved ſhe rather liſped a little at pronouncing ſome Letters, wanting the Tongue to apply to the Roof of her Mouth to help her Pronunciation. When ſhe was a young Woman, ſhe was critically examined by the Royal Society in *London*, and ſung them two Songs, to their great Wonder. She told me, ſhe miſſed her Tongue moſt, in ſwallowing her Victuals, for after chewing her Food, ſhe was forced to thruſt it to her Swallow with her Finger, for two or three Years, but afterwards that Difficulty removed by her Youth and Cuſtom. I ſhould not have mentioned this,

this, but there are ſo many living Witneſſes in the whole Town of *Wickham Market* and its Neighbourhood, that can atteſt the Truth. This ſhews the Tongue is not abſolutely neceſſary for Speech, but the Lips are the greateſt Inſtruments of Pronunciation.

CASE LIX.

A Lady, aged thirty, had a Lump on the right Breaſt, juſt above the Nipple (by a Blow); it was ſmooth, moveable, and ſoft, and ſome daſhing Pains; was ordered Millepedes, which leſſened the Lump ſomething. I adviſed the Continuance of the Millepedes, a Pint to a Quart of *Liſbon* Wine, drink a Glaſs of the Turbid Liquor, at Eleven and Four; and to take one Scruple of Æthiop's Mineral, in Conſerve of Roſes, Morning and Night, and to wear a Cloth boiled in many Folds in Hemlock Decoction, dried, and ironed ſmooth, and renewed once in two or three Days, without waſhing. Got better, and left off for a Month, and Pain returned; and was let Blood; which greatly abated the Pain; and then uſed the ſame Things again, only, inſtead of the Cloth, ſhe applied green Hemlock Leaves, bruiſed and quilted in Linen, warm. Has been well ſome Years.

CASE LX.

Mrs. *Mary Holmes*, of *Monks Ely*, *Suffolk*, aged forty-two, about four Years ſince, a ſmall Knot roſe on the left Breaſt, which ſuppurated, and healed of itſelf. Now, *July* the 23d, 1770, ſince *Chriſtmas* laſt, a Hardneſs gathered on

great Part of the ſame Breaſt, and a Riſing below the Nipple, was poulticed, and opened by a Surgeon, but not healed; then I was conſulted. I ordered a Vervain Root, to purge gently with Roſe Leaves, boiled in Cheeſe Whey, once a Week; the other ſix Days to take twenty Millepedes, bruiſed in Whey, Morning faſting, and laſt at Night; apply a Poultice all over the Breaſt, of one third Mallow Leaves, one third Elder Leaves, or Bark, and one third the Inſide of Figs, boiled tender, in thin Milk, and maſhed well together, to be applied warm, Morning and Night, firſt ſyringing the Wounds, and waſhing all the Breaſt, with a pretty ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock. *September* the 10th, was much mended, the Knots waſting, and no Pain, *December*, 1770, came to me; the Knots all diſſolved, and looked only a little reddiſh, ſo a Poultice of mellow Apples, reſtored it to its natural Colour and Soundneſs.

CASE LXI.

Ruth Richardſon, Wife of *Thomas Richardſon* of *Withersfield*, aged thirty-three, had a ſcrophulous Tumour on the right Breaſt, juſt above the Nipple, broke and run a thin Sanies for a Fortnight, with ſome Hardneſſes round the Orifice; had formerly a Sore on her Back and Hip, and a ſore Throat, but they are all well ſome Time ſince; has only now the Complaint in her Breaſt. I adviſed Sorrel and Dock Roots in Cheeſe Whey, to take half a Pint, three Times in the Day, once in the Morning faſting, once at Eleven, and once at Four o'Clock,

This Child I adviſed to have a good Vervain Rot, to drink Dock Root, and Sorrel Whey, daily, with three or four Grains of Jalap Powder (if neceſſary) to keep the Body in good Order. *Diacolon cum Gummis* Plaiſters to the Sores, and to the back of the Hand a Poultice of Archangel and Elder Leaves, with Pork Lard; theſe uſed with Diſcretion did the Cure.

CASE LXV.

Mary Goat, Wife of *Robert Goat*, of *Brandon, Suffolk*, Shoemaker, aged Thirty-nine, was with me *May* the 14th, 1774; her right Breaſt ſwelled and hardiſh, not diſcoloured, but darting daſhing Pains chiefly againſt Change of Weather; a ſmall Knot in the left Breaſt. Mr. *Cabel*, Surgeon and Apothecary there, ſaid it was a Cancer. I directed a Quarter of a Pound of freſh Burdock Roots, to be waſhed, ſliced thin, and boiled in a Pint of Spring Water, to be half ſtrained, and half a Pint of ſcummed Milk, added, and drank warm, at four Times in the Day; to drink thirty Millepedes bruiſed in the firſt and laſt Draughts; to wear Groundſel in Quilting over the Breaſt, and renewed once in the Day. *June* the 2d, her right Breaſt broke, and run tolerable good Matter: then I adviſed her to boil a few Elder Leaves, and Mallow Leaves, with the Burdocks, to keep her Body rather looſe, and to apply a Poultice of Groundſel and White Nettles, equal Parts, maſhed with Gooſe Fat, warm to the Breaſt. *Auguſt* the 13th, 1774, I received the following: Sir, I can with Pleaſure, and grate-

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ful Acknowledgment, inform you that my Breaſt is quite well; it was juſt ſix Weeks from the Time it began to the Healing up; it broke in ſeven Holes. My left Breaſt is bravely, and the Knots waſte daily. To you (under God) I owe my Life, becauſe the Doctors could do nothing for me but cut it off. Pray God preſerve you for the Good of Mankind, &c.

MARY GOAT.

CASE LXVI.

SIR, *Godalmin, Sept.* 16, 1774.

Having this Opportunity, I make bold to write to you in Behalf of *William Bradley*. He returns you his ſincere and hearty Thanks for the Benefit he has received by the Medicines deſcribed in your Book. I will write this Caſe as I had it from himſelf. About twelve Years ago, had a Swelling came in the Inſide of his right Knee, was very painful, was ſent to Dr. *Newland*, at *Petworth*, it was poulticed for a Month, was then cut by him, and healed up with much Difficulty. Soon after his Leg and Thigh ſwelled ſo that he could not walk; was then ſent to St. *Thomas*'s Hoſpital, he was there ſix Months, but was turned out as incurable. A little Time after, his Leg and Thigh ſwelled very much, and the Sinews of his Ham ſo contracted that his Foot would not touch the Ground by ſix Inches: could not walk without Crutches and great Pain. He had a great Swelling on his right Shoulder, very painful; he was brought to the Workhouſe under my Care, ſo very bad he could not help himſelf. His Wounds were

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all dreſſed with dry Lint every Day, and his Shoulder poulticed with Oatmeal and Small Beer, by our Doctor's Orders, but that did not ripen or diſperſe it; then I made a Poultice of St. *James*'s Wort, and Pork Lard, that brought it to a Head, and it broke of itſelf in a few Days. I heard of Mr. *Morley*'s Book, ſent to *London* for one, and directly put him under *John Buck*'s Caſe, and that has made a perfect Cure of his Leg and Thigh, the Wounds of them all healed up, is in very good Health, and got out of the Workhouſe; but comes daily to have his Shoulder dreſſed, which has diſcharged two Pieces of Bone, one Inch and a Quarter long, and about three Quarters broad, and many ſmall Pieces, like Crumbs of Bread; as the Black Plaiſter did not heal it, ſhall be glad to know what will (by the Bearer) and I will get it for the poor Fellow.

EDMUND PALMER,
Governor of the Workhouſe, in Godalmin, Surry.

To —— Morley, Eſq; Halſtead, Eſſex.

I ſent proper Directions by the Bearer, but the Shoulder will not heal till all the foul Bones are diſcharged.

CASE LXVII.

Mrs. *E. Hibberdine*, of *Banbury*, in *Oxfordſhire*, ſent me this moſt extraordinary Caſe and Cure, *March* 27, 1776. Mrs. *Anna Maria Palmer*, of *Swerford*, *Oxfordſhire*, now about fifty Years old, had many bad Chilblains when a Child, with Difficulty cured: and for ſome

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Years after, Spring and Fall, had many Breakings-out in her Face, and about her Ears; at about twenty-five Years old, was ſeized in a moſt terrible Manner, which ſeveral Phyſicians and ſkilful Perſons of the Faculty, could not account for; only the late Dr. *Lewis*, of *Oxford*, ſaid it was a cancerous Humour, ran quite through her Inſide. She had no Sore outwardly, or Appearance of a Cancer. She was taken on a ſudden with a Kind of Hyſterick Fit, ſore Throat, Hoarſeneſs and Shortneſs of Breath; and ſoon became ſo very weak, as not able to bear the Smell of Food; with many other Complaints too numerous to mention. Evacuations were made uſe of, with Fever Medicines, but with little Effect, her Throat ſwelled to a moſt ſurprizing Bigneſs, and was ſo painful and bad withinſide, that ſhe often feared it would choak her. She had Bliſters, Setons, Steams, and Gargles, but all in vain. In half a Year the Swellings of the Throat abated, and ſhe got about a little, but during the whole Time ſhe had the Bloody Flux, in a terrible Degree; which could not be ſtopped, though ſhe wrs bled in the Arm for it once a Fortnight: This weakened her ſo much, that in half a Year more, ſhe was forced to take to her Bed again, for near a Year. The ſame Medicines were tried again, without any Effect. Now all her former Complaints returned, a ſlow Fever, ſore Stomach, Faintings, ſudden Chills, and Flutterings, together with a Pleuriſy, and was convulſed; for which a Bliſter was applied to the Heart, which relieved much, and removed

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that Complaint; but ſtill had Pains all over her, eſpecially Head, Stomach, and Bowels, for which ſhe had frequent Gliſters; ſhe had alſo great Sweats. In this Illneſs, one Mr. *Smart*, an Apothecary of ſome Note, out of *Worceſterſhire*, was conſulted; he ordered an Electuary, which was uſeful, and to ride out as ſoon as able; which was done, and ſhe remained tolerable well for about a Year. But ſtill the Flux continued, though in a ſomewhat leſs Degree. But upon taking Cold, her old Complaints returned with greater Violence. The Electuary was tried again, but had no Effect at all; the Bark too was often tried in various Forms, but to no Purpoſe. At the Beginning of this Illneſs, her Reaſon was greatly impaired, and her Memory almoſt loſt; for which two Cauſticks (I ſuppoſe Iſſues) were ordered by Dr. *Lewis*; this was in 1762, one made on each Thigh; and diſcharged very much. In half a Year after this, her Reaſon returned, and ſhe roſe again. She continued up, and capable of her Buſineſs, (which is chiefly Sewing) two whole Years; then all returned again. In this Illneſs ſhe entirely loſt her Speech, and never ſpoke a Word for three Quarters of a Year. The Cauſtick ſtill continued running very much. She now took Aſſafœtida Pills, and artificial Aſſes Milk; then roſe again, and continued up a Year or more. Then was ſeized again, and her Reaſon was quite gone, four Years and a half, or more; nothing freſh was uſed now, only Figs boiled in Milk, during this Period, the Cauſticks were gradually let

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go, and then her Voice, Strength and Reaſon returned in ſome Degree; roſe again, but remained up only nineteen Weeks; was then ſeized with a putrid Sore Throat, which ſoon brought on all her old Complaints, entirely deprived her of her Reaſon, and confined her to her Bed, where ſhe remained many Years in a moſt deplorable Way; every freſh Seizure her Complaints grew more violent. During her Illneſs, ſhe always felt as if drawn together Withinſide:—Sir, on reading your Eſſay, and recollecting what Dr. *Lewis* had ſaid of a cancerous Humour running withinſide without any outward Appearance, I thought a ſcrophulous one might do the ſame; eſpecially as Dr. *Lewis* ſaid, her Grandfather died of the Evil in his Foot. This gave me the Hint of trying your Methods, which we began with *November* 4, 1774. The Vervain Root was then put on, after wearing it a Fortnight, the Patient's Siſter perceived ſome Mitigation of the Violence of her Anguiſh, for ſhe uſed to ſay, her's was not Pain, it was Agony. Then the Millepedes Pills as in Caſe XVII. were given, for her ſore Throat, and in a Month her Reaſon began to return. Then ſhe took the Antimony in fine Powder, with Honey and Ground-Ivy Tea, as in Caſe XLVII. by *Chriſtmas*, ſhe could read, and underſtand what ſhe read. In about ſix Weeks more ſhe began to riſe, but was very weak, and her Strength returned ſlowly; yet continued to increaſe. At the *Eaſter* following ſhe came down Stairs, with the full and free Exerciſe of her Reaſon: which has remained

mained perfectly clear ever ſince; to the great Surprize of all who knew her. At her firſt coming down, her Legs ſwelled a good deal, and were in Pain; ſhe took the Diet Drink, as in Caſe XII. which quite removed that Complaint in a few Months. By *Michaelmas*, 1775, ſhe was quite well, and able to walk half a Mile at a Time; has remained ſo ever ſince; but continues the Diet Drink this Spring 1776, by Way of prevention. Sometimes ſhe takes a little Tincture of Jalap. She is at this Time as Healthy and Strong, as is reaſonable to expect a Perſon, who has been ſo long afflicted, ſhould poſſibly be. If you think, Sir, this extraordinary Caſe merits a Place in your next Edition, it is at your Service, and that of the Public. I wrote it as ſhort as I could, from Mrs. *Palmer*'s own Mouth, and her Siſter's; and was myſelf alſo an Eye and Ear-witneſs to great Part of the Facts; having been perſonally acquainted with them both, from my Childhood, ſeen and converſed frequently with them in all their Affliction. The two Siſters and Brother preſent their humble Duty and Thanks to Mr. *Morley*, &c. Such long protracted Sufferings, ſo very circumſtantially related, and ſo extremely well authenticated; muſt convince every unprejudiced Practitioner, (even the moſt ſkilful) how difficult it often is, to judge of ſcrophulous Caſes; if they ſeriouſly conſider this ſo ſtrange a complicated one, they will ſee many Reaſons to think, theſe Symptoms, though ſo various, originated from

an Hereditary Evil in Mrs. *Palmer*, as her Grandfather died of it.

CASE LXVIII.

Princes Risborough, Bucks, May 17, 1776.

MR. MORLEY,

Sir, I ſhould think myſelf wanting in Gratitude to you, and Humanity to my Fellow-creatures, if I longer omitted acquainting the Public, of the great Cure I have obtained by the Uſe of your Eſſay. When I was about Eleven Years of Age, I had the Evil broke out in my Neck; I have had the Advice of many eminent Surgeons, without receiving the leaſt Benefit. I was in the moſt afflicting Situation without Hope of Recovery; in this Situation I continued one-and-twenty Years. It is impoſſible for me to tell the Number of Wounds I had all at that Time, for when one healed up, another broke out: till providentially your Eſſay was put into my Hands. I was determined to follow your Directions. I had then four Wounds, one on the left Side, and three on the right, under my Ears, and many Swellings on both Sides: Firſt I put on the Vervain Root, and a Poultice of white Bread and Milk, white Lilly Roots, and Groundſel, and laid on warm, Morning and Night. For a gentle Purge, I took boiled Roſes once a Week; this I continued eleven Months; I then left off the Poultice,

Poultice, and applied the Black Plaiſter, I having then ten Wounds, five on each Side my Neck, and hollow from my Collar Bone to my Ear; I then took a gentle Purge of Jalap once a Week, and the other ſix Days, a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, mixt with the ſame Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and waſhed it down with a Cup of Ground-Ivy Tea. I continued this two Years and three Months; which (with the Bleſſing of God) compleated the Cure. I am in a better State of Health than ever I can remember. It is a Year and ſix Months ago, and I have had no Symptoms of the Diſorder ſince.

Your humble Servant,

MARY MEAKES.

I ſhall make no Remarks on theſe two laſt extraordinary Caſes and Cures, but leave it to the Conſideration of every unprejudiced Reader, to judge how far my Eſſay has been uſeful to the Public, without my perſonal Aſſiſtance. I might have added a Multitude more of Cures, from Letters ſent me, but that would exceed the Bounds of a Twelve-penny Pamphlet.

Any Perſon doubtful of theſe Letters being Genuine, may ſee the Originals, by conſulting the Author, or may be informed by the Perſons themſelves, of the Veracity of the Facts. Happy for the Public! if thoſe looſe Hints, would lead the Phyſical and Surgical Gentlemen to conſider ſeriouſly theſe few Sheets, without

Prejudice or Partiality; eſpecially, as many of the Faculty own their Skill often at a Loſs, finding their uſual Methods frequently diſappointed, in the Cure of Scrophulous Caſes. Gentlemen of Candour will acknowledge this. The Mercenary Tribe of Practitioners, are in Fear for their *Diana* of the *Epheſians*. Above Nineteen Thouſand of theſe Eſſays have appeared at Home and in Foreign Countries, which is certainly a Proof of their great Utility to the Public. Many charitable Perſons have, by their Directions, been of vaſt Service to their afflicted Neighbours. But yet I muſt ingenuouſly confeſs, ſome ſtubborn Caſes, have not ſubmitted to my mild and gentle Treatment; dangerous Methods and Medicines, I dare not uſe; or venture on that hazardous Practice, Kill or Cure.

I have had Applications by Letter from many Perſons, deſiring me to ſend my Medicines and Directions, and my Charges for them, for which I ſhould be punctually paid.

But all this is needleſs, as I make up no Medicines, nor will my almoſt worn-out Eyes ſuffice to give any Directions in Writing. Neither can any Letter, I think, thoroughly convey a clear Deſcription of the almoſt numberleſs Symptoms and Affections of the Scrophula; for which Reaſon I give no Directions to any Body whatever, unleſs they conſult me in Perſon; and therefore have added to this Edition, ſomething more to make it as uſeful as poſſible to ſuch People as cannot come to me,

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by Diſtance, Inability of Travelling, or other Avocations. Neither will my Age and Infirmities permit me to viſit Patients, as I uſed to do. Any Perſon deſirous of conſulting me, living at a Diſtance, will act prudently, to ſend me their Caſe in Writing, a few Days beforehand, that I may the better conſider it againſt I ſee them.

I have had many who have been ſalivated, and taken mercurial Preparations to very little Purpoſe; on the contrary, hurtful. I have found ſalt Water, taken inwardly, to have bad Effects as already hinted. Outwardly it often dries up the Sores for a Time, which generally break out again near the ſame Places, and will continue to do ſo, unleſs the Habit of Body is altered. I very rarely order Bleeding, and never direct Vomits, which I think of no Uſe. Iſſues or Setons I do not approve, and generally dry them up, as they are apt to draw the Humours into them, inflame and are troubleſome, without any Aſſiſtance towards the Cure, as I could ever obſerve. I repeat that I do not order Salts of any Kind for Purgation; but always the moſt mild and gentle Things for that End. Hemlock I have uſed outwardly numberleſs Times, with great Succeſs. I adminiſter little inwardly; If any Tumours, &c. are near the Head, it muſt then be uſed with Caution, as Caſe IV. I never uſe Knife or Cauſtic to open an Abſceſs, ſometimes the Point of a Lancet, and that but ſeldom; for I find proper Poultices much more eligible on many Accounts. I adviſe

viſe thoſe who are coſtive under this Diſorder (which is a very frequent Complaint) to keep the Body always open with very mild and gentle Purgatives; a little at a Time, and often, is more beneficial than ſtrong Purges. Jalap I have found by long Experience, prepared as follows, to be the beſt Family Purge for ſcrophulous Diſorders. Take an Ounce of Jalap in fine Powder, ſteep it in half a Pint of Geneva, in a Pint Bottle, cloſe ſtopped, ſhake it well two or three Times a Day for a Week, gently pour off the clear, or filter it through whitiſh grey Paper; fling away the Dregs, and keep it cloſe ſtopped for Uſe. A Man may take off a Table Spoonful of this Tincture in a Quarter of a Pint of warm ſmall Ale, Cheeſe Whey, or a Diſh of Tea with Sugar. A Woman one, two, or three Tea Spoonfuls: A young Child, a few Drops in its Victuals; always proportioning the Doſe to the Age, Sex, and Strength of the Patient. Two Motions or three at moſt in twenty-four Hours are proper. It may be taken once or twice a Week at Diſcretion as long as wanted. A Month in the Spring or Fall will be very ſalutary, for all People ſubject to this Diſorder; though no Complaints, only as a Preventative. When I order Antimony to be taken inwardly, I always direct it to be finely levigated, or powdered in an Iron Mortar, as fine as poſſible, and then ſifted through fine Lawn or Muſlin, ſo that few or no ſhining Particles appear; then it is a fine and ſafe Medicine. Never to wear any Covering over the

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Eyes, but waſh them often with cold Spring Water, which will ſtrengthen them and repel the Humour which the Purgatives will carry off. The Egg Liquor for Contractions is made with the Yolk of a new-laid Hen's Egg, beat very thin, and ſix Spoonfuls of warm ſoft Water added, one at a Time; beat the Liquor continually till well mixed. Gently rub the affected Part, three or four Times in the Day with this Mixture and a warm Hand, five or ſix Minutes at a Time, covering the Part with Flannel to defend it from Cold. As the Sarſaparilla Decoction is very uſeful in ſome ſcrophulous Caſes,—boil two Ounces of the Root in three Pints of ſoft Water, to one Quart, towards the End add half an Ounce of Liquoriſh, ſliced thin, when diſſolved ſtrain; half a Pint, or more of this may be taken twice a Day at Diſcretion. It is gentle eaſy Methods, not rough Preſcriptions and painful Applications, that are moſt efficacious in this obſtinate Diſorder. Perſons, though ever ſo poor and diſtreſſed, are welcome to conſult me for Advice, in Perſon, if they find, or even ſuſpect themſelves to be tainted with this Diſorder, on any Morning from Ten to Twelve, and in the Afternoon from Three to Five of the Clock, (Sundays excepted) if I am well.

It cannot be expected, that I who receive no Fee, ſhould be at any Expence: Therefore Letters to me muſt be free of Poſtage, or they muſt be returned.

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The Pleaſure I take in relieving the Afflicted, affords me the higheſt Content and Satisfaction. I will hope no one bears me any Evil; if there ſhould be ſuch, I have always in mind St. *Paul*'s Precept, *Not to be overcome of Evil, but to overcome Evil with Good.*

May all the Patients who receive any Benefit from my Eſſay, or my Directions in Perſon, ſay with the Royal Pſalmiſt—*Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits: Who forgiveth all thine Iniquities, who healeth all thy* DISEASES!

It poſſibly may be of Uſe to ſome to turn to ſeveral of my Preſcriptions without great Trouble. I therefore have ſet down where many are at one View to be found.

Antimony prepared, Caſe 7, and towards the End.
Black Plaiſter,——5
Baths——8, 20, 26, 38, 52, 56
Cataplaſms——4, 13, 17, 32, 65
Diet Drinks——12, 19, 24, 29, 44, 46, 50, 52, 65
Decoctions and Infuſions——1, 9
Diet Drink, ſcorbutic——15, 27
Egg Liquor——51, 53, and towards the End
Elder Ointment to make——6
Hemlock Ointment to make——19
Lime Water to make——50
Millepedes Pills, Wine, &c.——17, 24, 49, 59
Ointment with Salt Prunella——23
Ointment of Sorrel and Dock Roots——50
Poultices—5, 11, 12, 15, 26, 37, 55, 60, 61, 63, 65
Purges—1, 5, 6, 15, 30, 41, 60, of Jalap towards the End
Plaiſter of Spermaceti,——10
Sal Petre Liquor——20
Sarſaparilla Decoction——53, 80
Vervain Root deſcribed——11
Vervain Root prepared——9, 10
Vervain Ointment to make, Caſe 1
Vervain Water diſtilled, or infuſed——1

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For the Reader's Eaſe I have ſubjoined a Table of Caſes, and Parts affected, viz.

Ancles ſwelled or ulcerated, &c. Caſe 23, 48
Arm to be cut off——56, 57
Breaſt Ulcers of Men——1, 25
Breaſts of Women bad——24, 33, 59, 60, 61, 65
Bones foul——6, 27, 31, 45, 64
Chin, ſwellings under it——7, &c.
Eyes bad——2, 11, 40
Elbow with Ulcers——57, 62
Face and Lips very ſcabby——19
Hand contracted 8 Tumors and Ulcers——18, 20, 37, 47
Honeycomb Scrophula Hereditary——10, 39, 54
Hand, Ulcer, born with it——34
Head and Body ſcabby——44, 50
Jaw-bone Tumours and Ulcers——3, 5
Knee, White Swelling—to be cut off——30, 51
Legs bad—12, inflamed——15, 22, 26, 28, 29, 63
Legs to have been cut off——32, 38, 55
Mouth opened with Difficulty——42
Neck Swellings——4, 16, 35, 46, 68
Scurf univerſal——49
Scrophula inward——67
Tongue ſpit out——58
Toe, Great, ulcerated——13
Thigh, large Tumour—14—Monſtrouſly ſwelled——27
Ulcers, 18 running ones, 9 on the Foot——41
—— of the Back——43
—— of the Thigh open 12 Inches——53
Univerſal ſcorbutic Scrophula——36, 52
Wind-pipe compreſt——17

N. B. The Vervain Water and Vervain Ointment may be had at Meſſrs. SLATER and Co. No. 7, in the Poultry—The Vervain Roots, &c. at GORDON's Phyſical Herb Shop, Newgate Market, London.

Finiſhed, July 11, 1776, by JOHN MORLEY.